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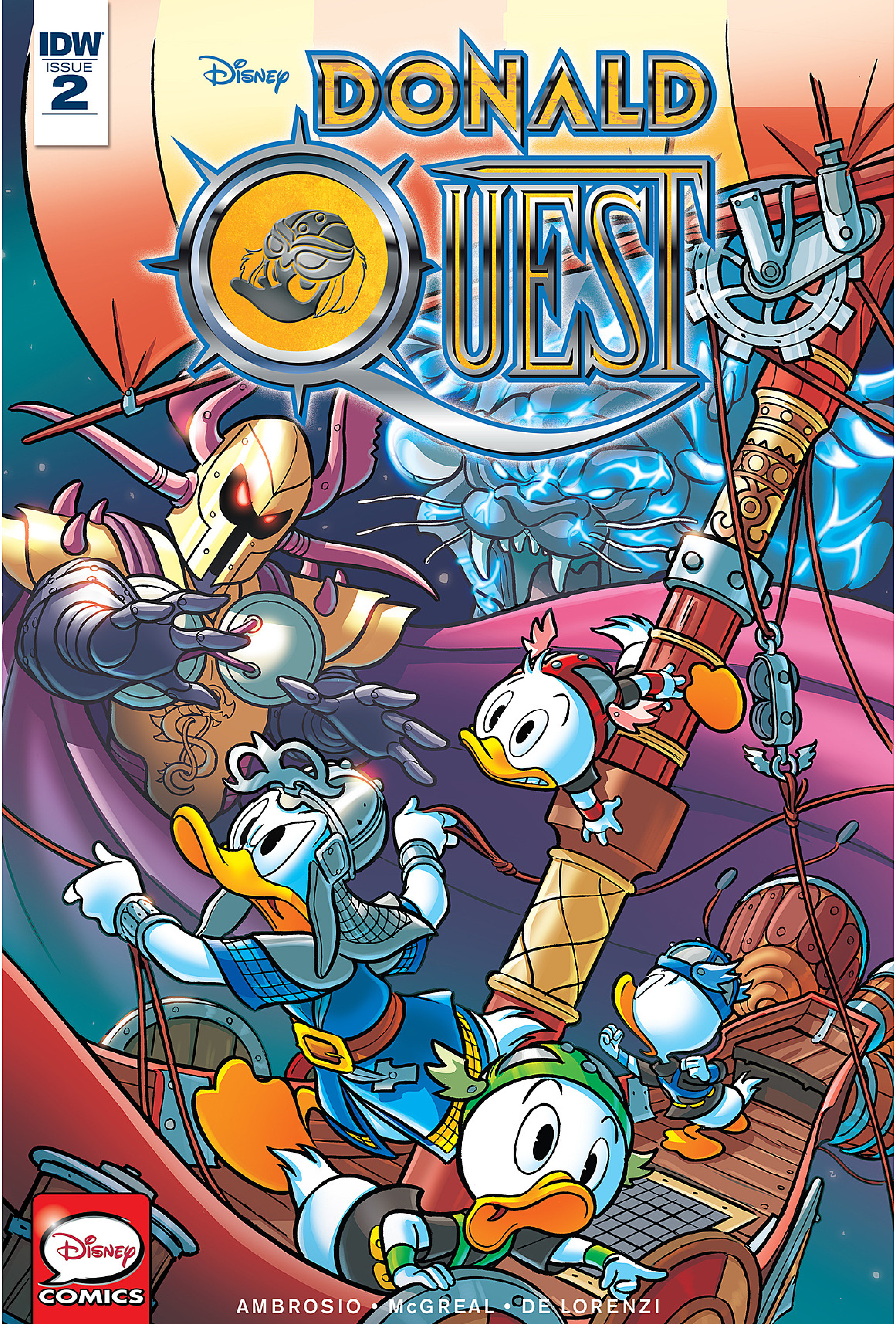

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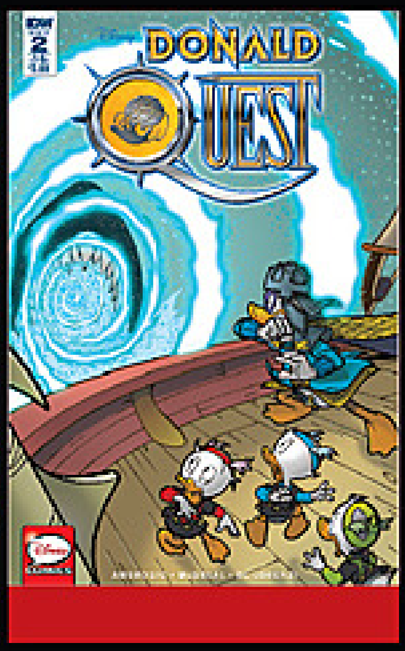

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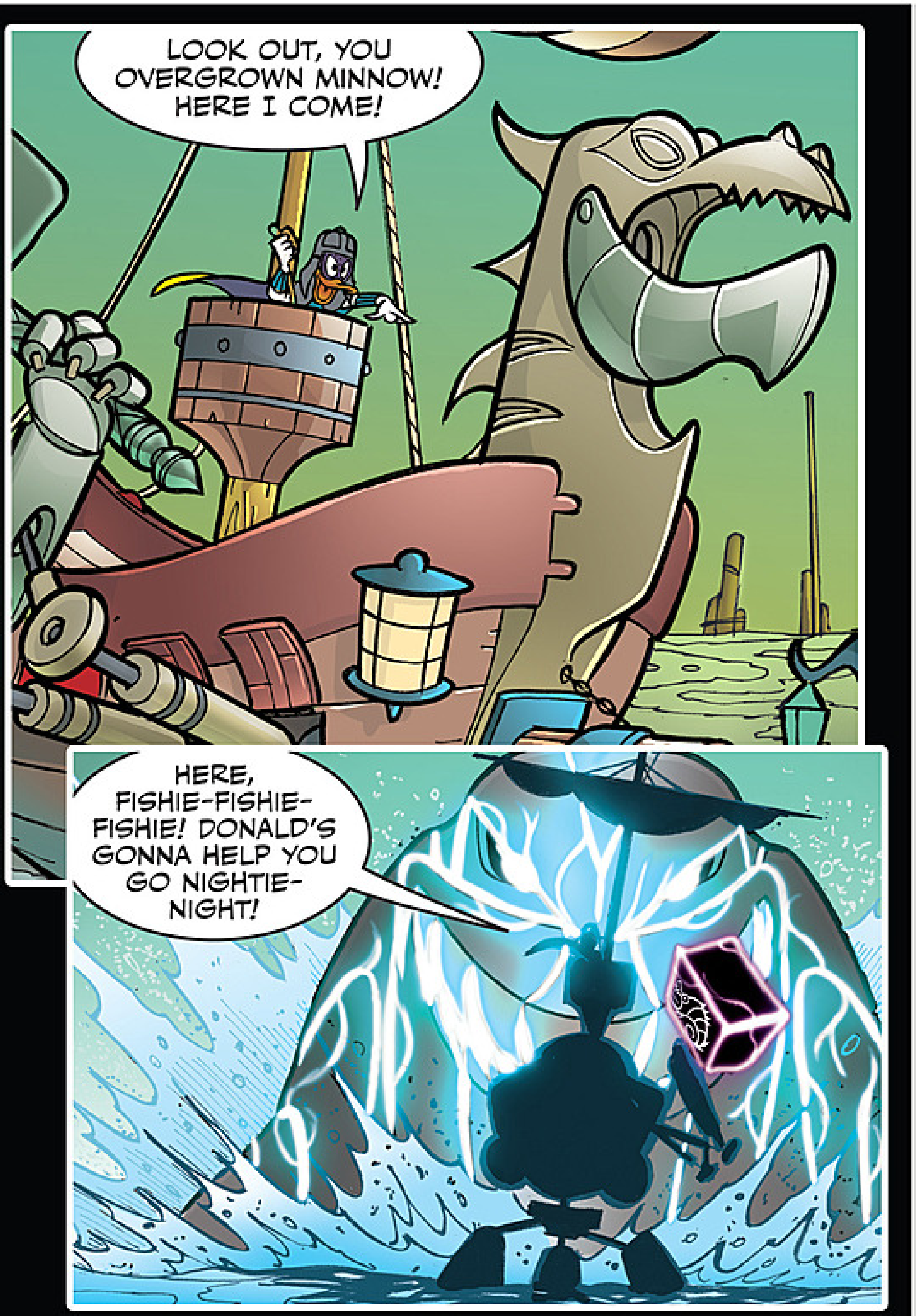
LOOK OUT, YOU OVERGROWN MINNOW! HERE I COME!
HERE, FISHIE-FISHIE-FISHIE! DONALD'S GONNA HELP YOU GO NIGHTIE-NIGHT!

LAST ISSUE:

Welcome to the mini-galaxy of **Feudarnia—**an alternate-reality home for our Duckburg and Mouseton heroes! Comprised of floating cities like Duckburgh, Mouseburgh, Greedburgh and Ironburgh, Feudarnia is part pirates' cove, part space station, and part steampunk battlefield. And it's **under siege!**

That's right... for two years now, Feudarnia has been under attack by the **Meteormaster** and his **Meteorbeasts**—giant animals made of enchanted stone called **Dragonite!** Picture man-eating bears, rhinos and vampire bats... now give them super size and the ability to rocket through the air! These savage beasts might end life as we know it, except for...

The **Beastbusters!** Feisty local bounty hunters have arisen to defend Feudarnia the only way they know how: by building **Busterbots**, flying robot boats that can take the fight to the Meteorbeasts on their own turf!

Already the Busters are local heroes. The **Junior Beastbusters** club has sprung up to admire them—they've even got their faces on trading cards!

But what's it matter if the siege can't be stopped?

Ask Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse! Beastbuster Mickey was bringing the **Magnus Malleus,** an awesome magic hammer, to Magicianeer Gyro Gearloose when the Meteormaster's grunts—Magica De Spell and the Beagle Boys—trapped him at Mouflon Manor! Donald, odd-job-man for his Uncle Scrooge, knows the Magnus Malleus could **beat the Meteorbeasts** for good. While Mickey decoys the bad guys, Donald flies the hammer to safety!

But can he get it to Gyro? Wouldn't you like to know?

—David Gerstein, Archival Editor

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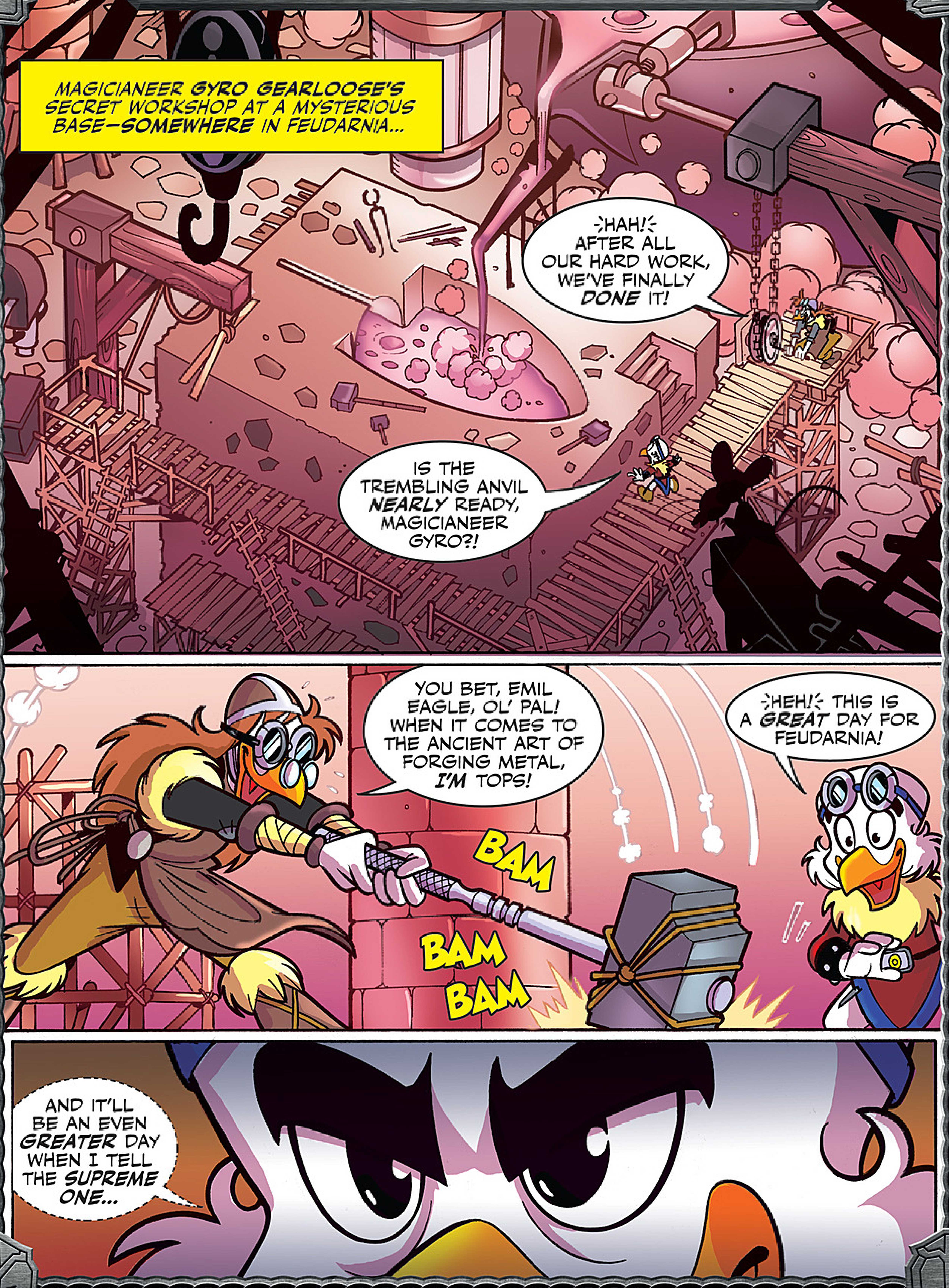
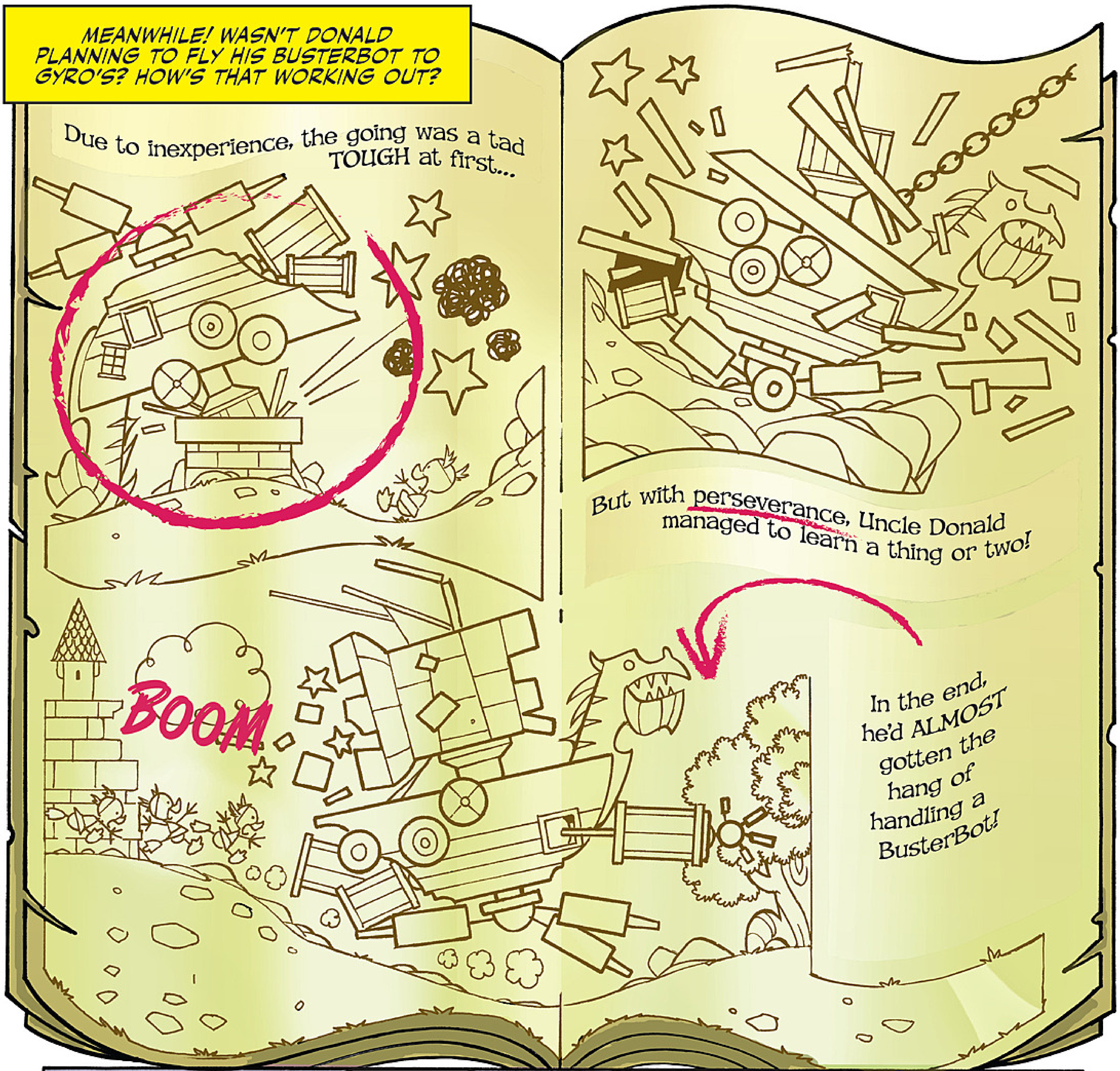
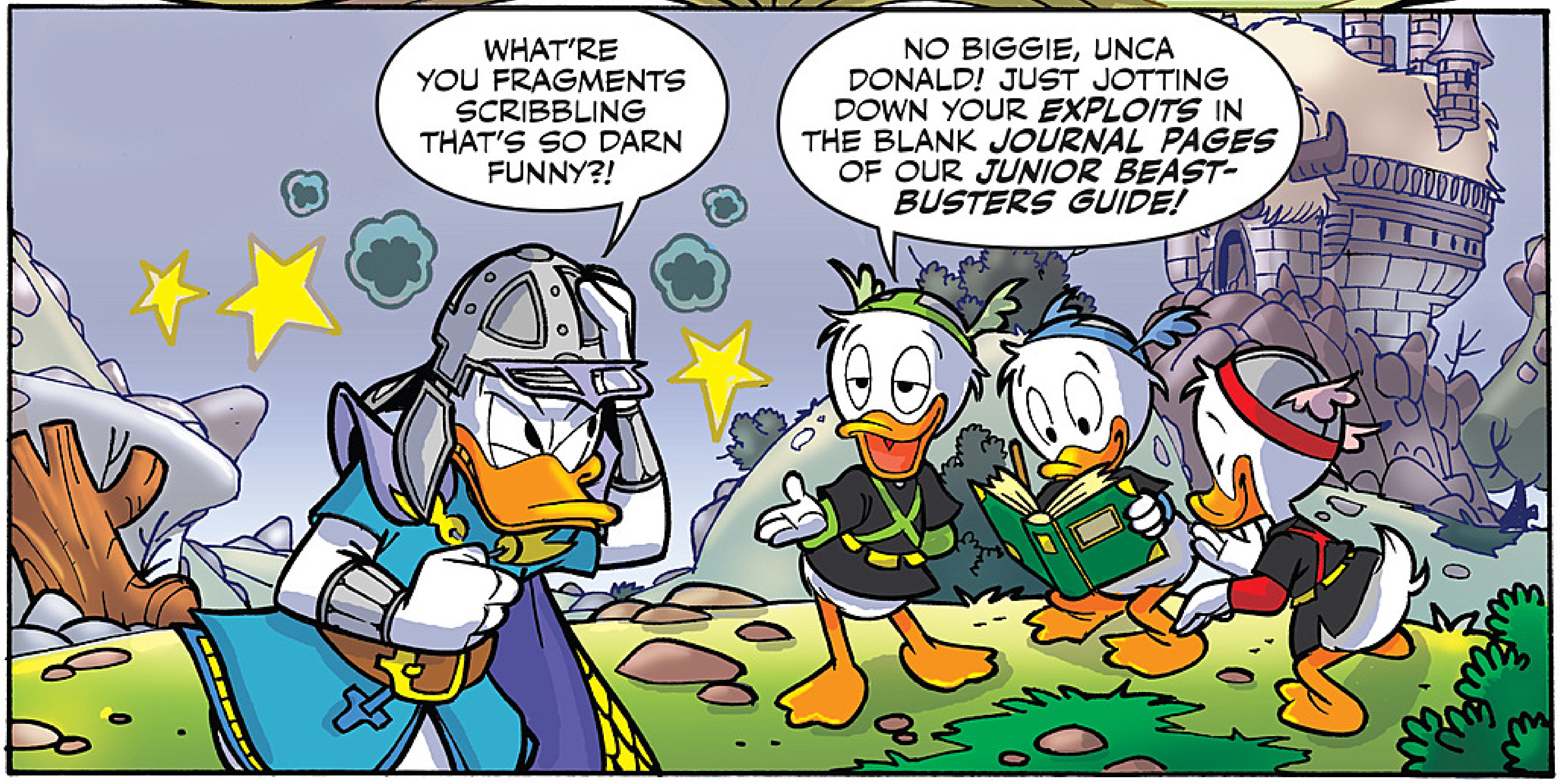
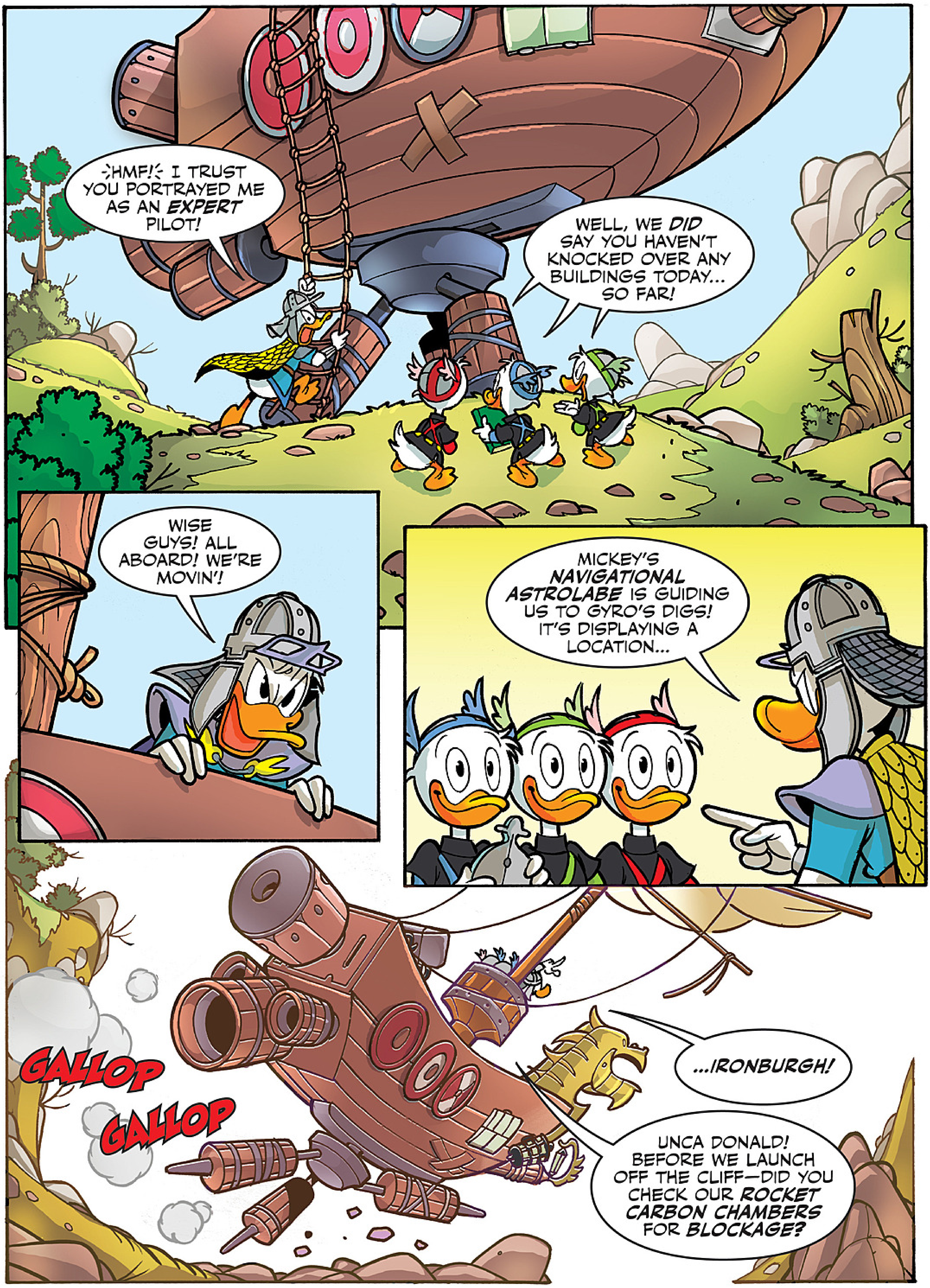
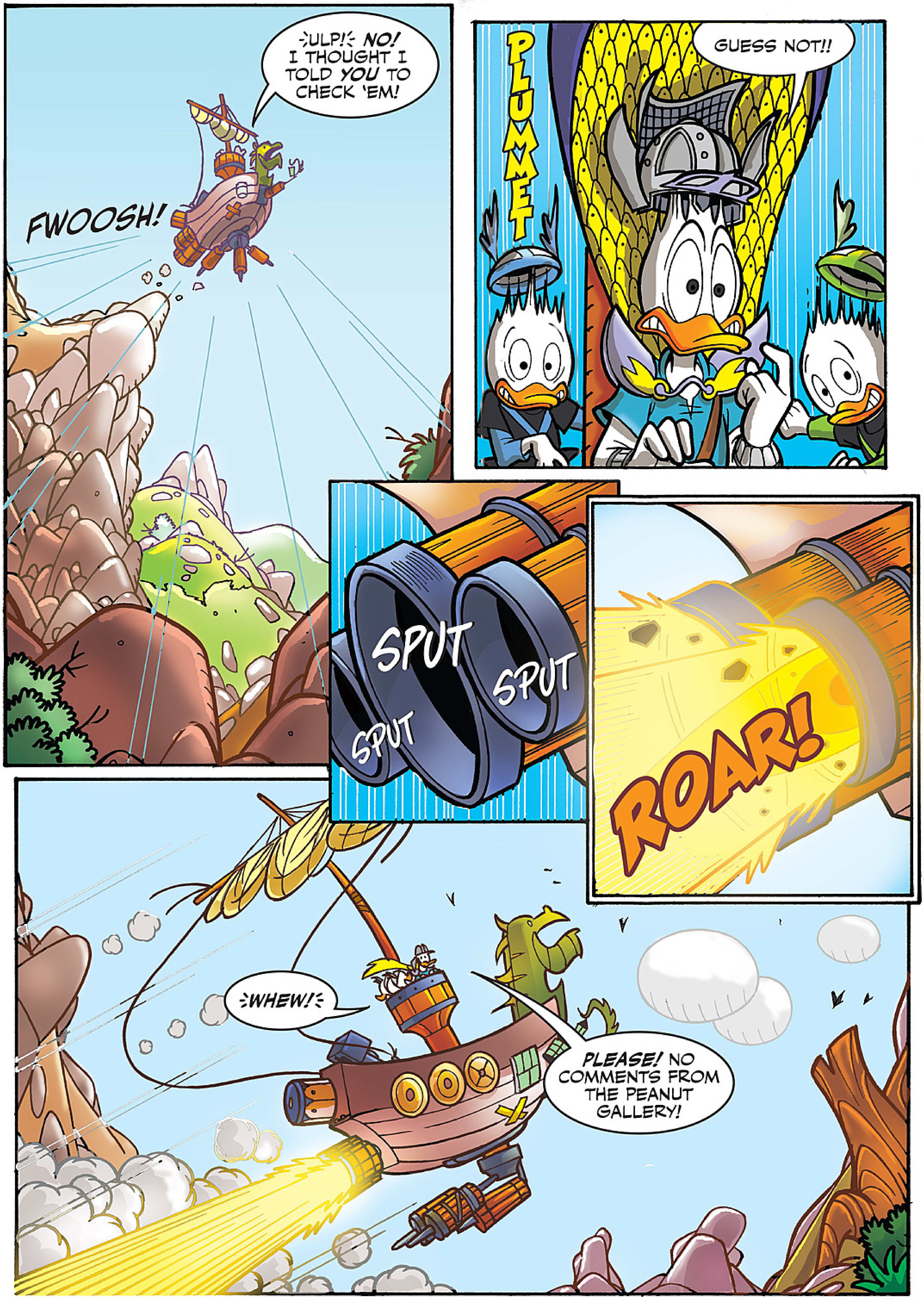

MAGICIANEER GYRO GEARLOOSE'S SECRET WORKSHOP AT A MYSTERIOUS BASE—SOMEWHERE IN FEUDARNIA...
HAH! AFTER ALL OUR HARD WORK, WE'VE FINALLY DONE IT!
IS THE TREMBLING ANVIL NEARLY READY, MAGICIANEER GYRO?!
YOU BET, EMIL EAGLE, OL' PAL! WHEN IT COMES TO THE ANCIENT ART OF FORGING METAL, I'M TOPS!
HEH! THIS IS A GREAT DAY FOR FEUDARNIA!
BAM
BAM
BAM
AND IT'LL BE AN EVEN GREATER DAY WHEN I TELL THE SUPREME ONE...

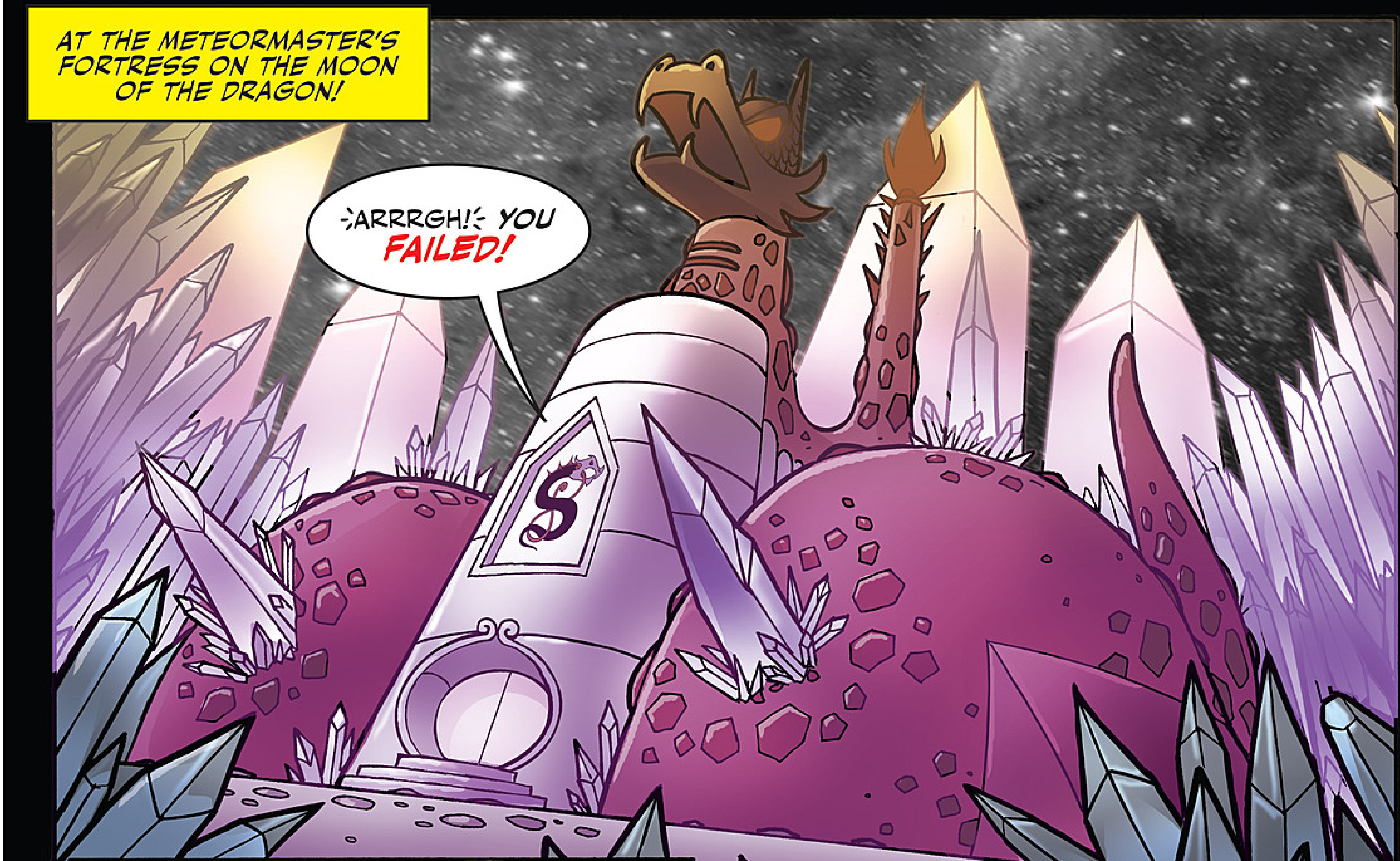

MEANWHILE! WASN'T DONALD PLANNING TO FLY HIS BUSTERBOT TO GYRO'S? HOW'S THAT WORKING OUT?
Due to inexperience, the going was a tad TOUGH at first...
But with perseverance, Uncle Donald managed to learn a thing or two!
BOOM
In the end, he'd ALMOST gotten the hang of handling a BusterBot!

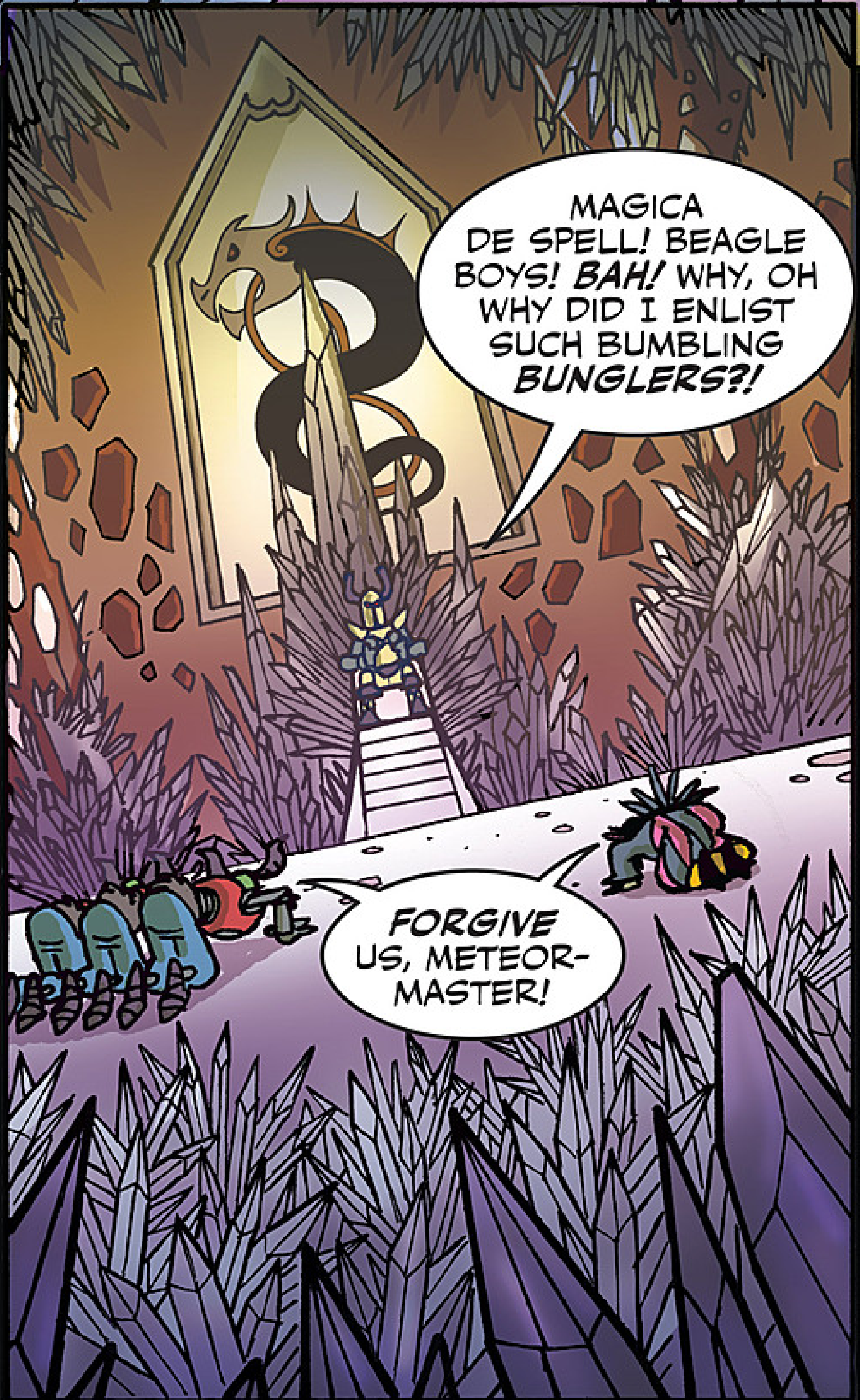

WHAT'RE YOU FRAGMENTS SCRIBBLING THAT'S SO DARN FUNNY?!
NO BIGGIE, UNCA DONALD! JUST JOTTING DOWN YOUR *EXPLOITS* IN THE BLANK *JOURNAL PAGES* OF OUR *JUNIOR BEAST-BUSTERS GUIDE!*

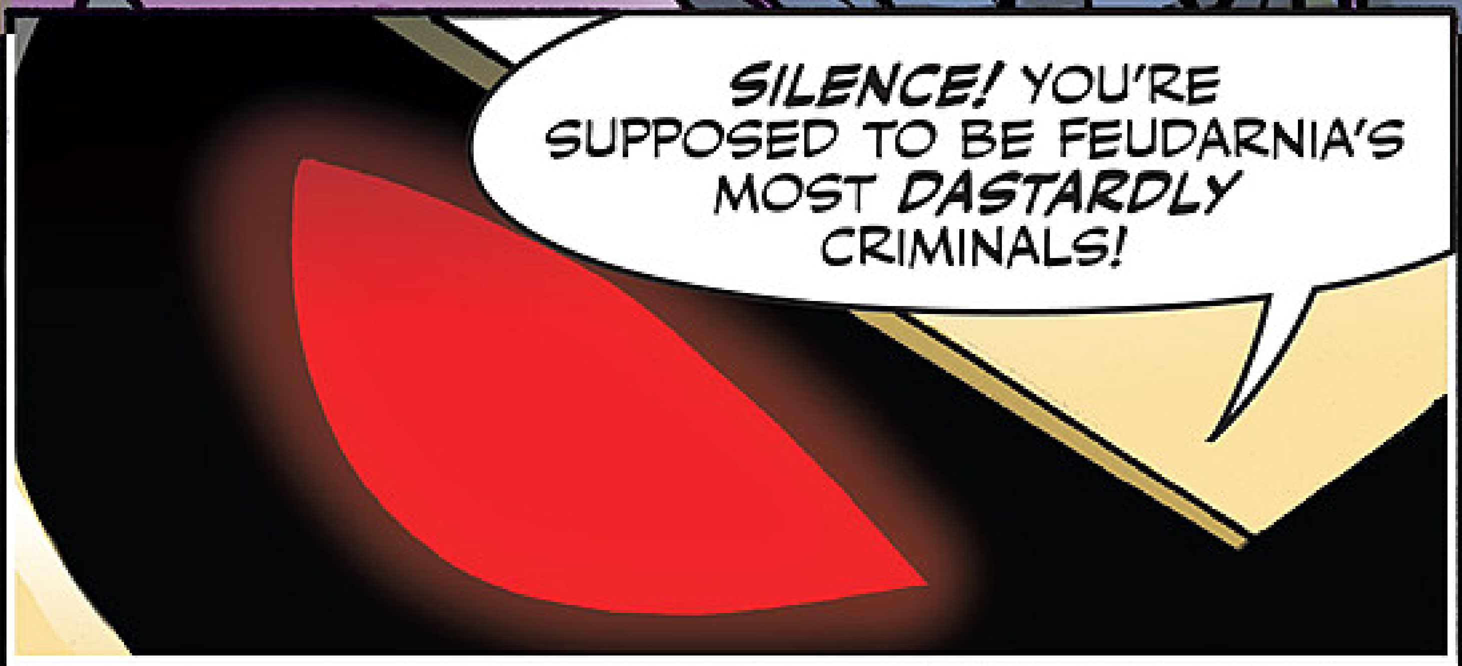


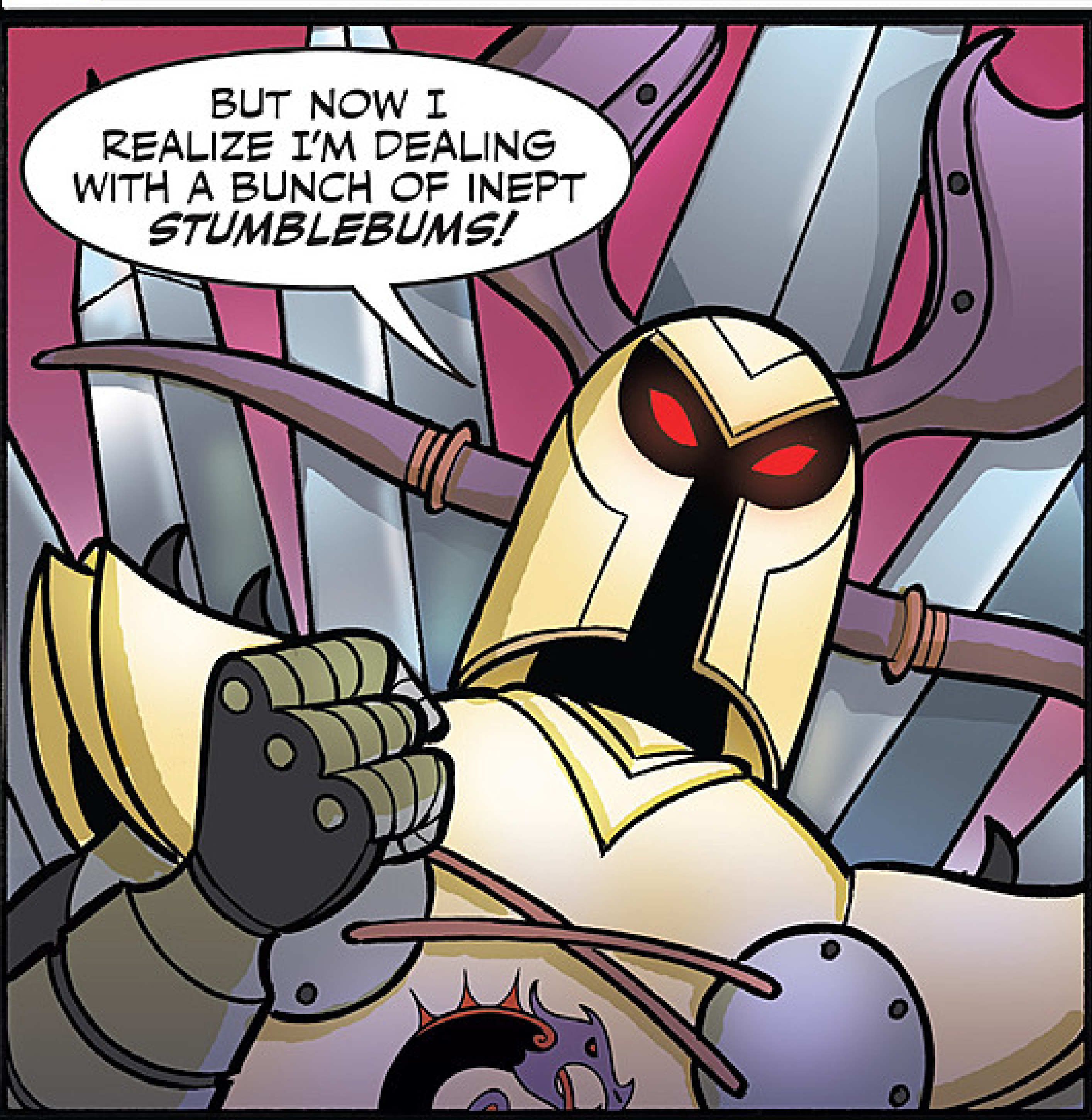
HMF! I TRUST YOU PORTRAYED ME AS AN *EXPERT* PILOT!
WELL, WE *DID* SAY YOU HAVEN'T KNOCKED OVER ANY BUILDINGS TODAY... SO FAR!
WISE GUYS! ALL ABOARD! WE'RE MOVIN'!
MICKEY'S *NAVIGATIONAL ASTROLABE* IS GUIDING US TO GYRO'S DIGS! IT'S DISPLAYING A LOCATION...
GALLOP
GALLOP
...IRONBURGH!
UNCA DONALD! BEFORE WE LAUNCH OFF THE CLIFF—DID YOU CHECK OUR *ROCKET CARBON CHAMBERS* FOR *BLOCKAGE?*

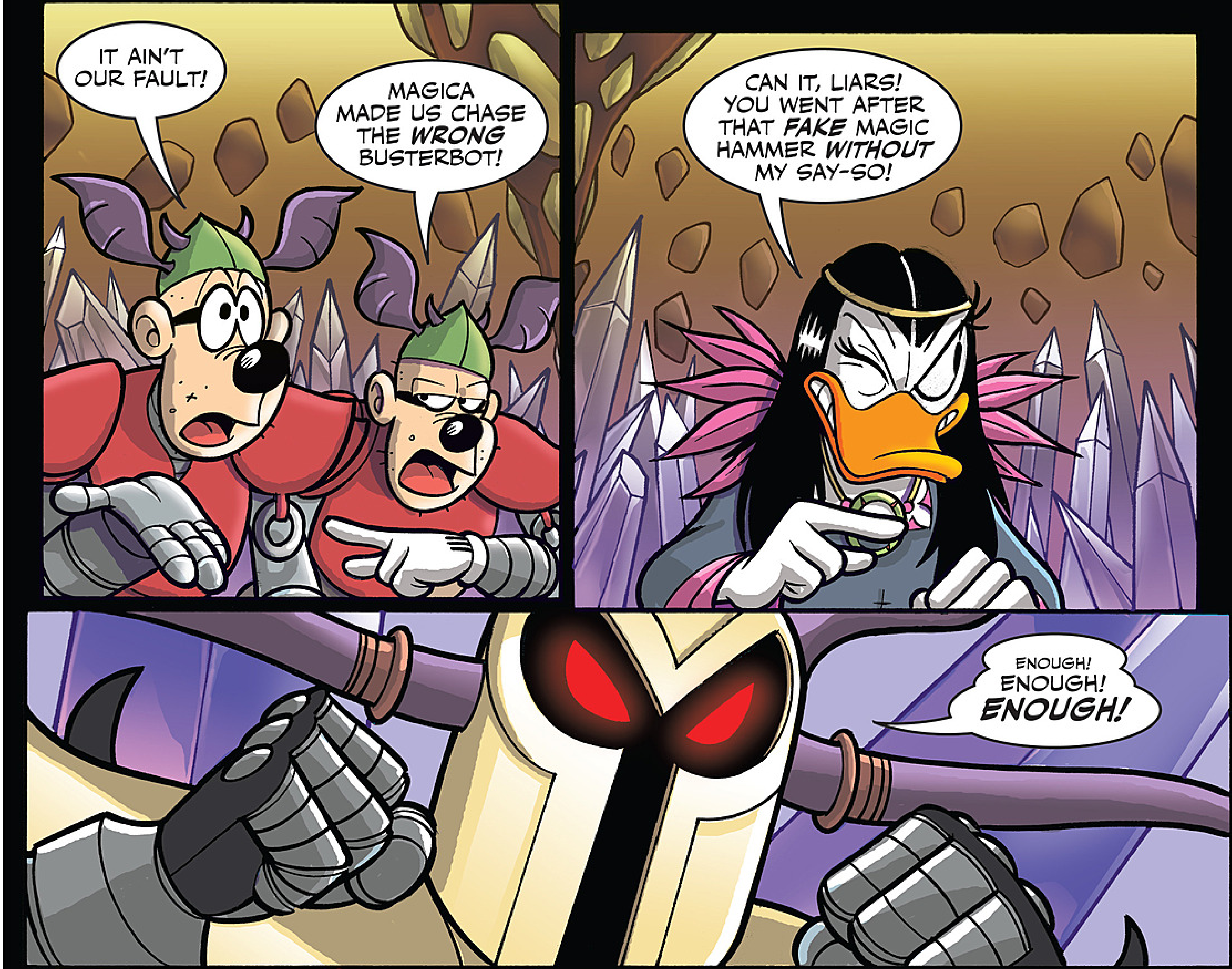

ULP! NO! I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO CHECK 'EM!
FWOOSH!
PLUMMET
GUESS NOT!!
SPUT
SPUT
SPUT
ROAR!
WHEW!
PLEASE! NO COMMENTS FROM THE PEANUT GALLERY!

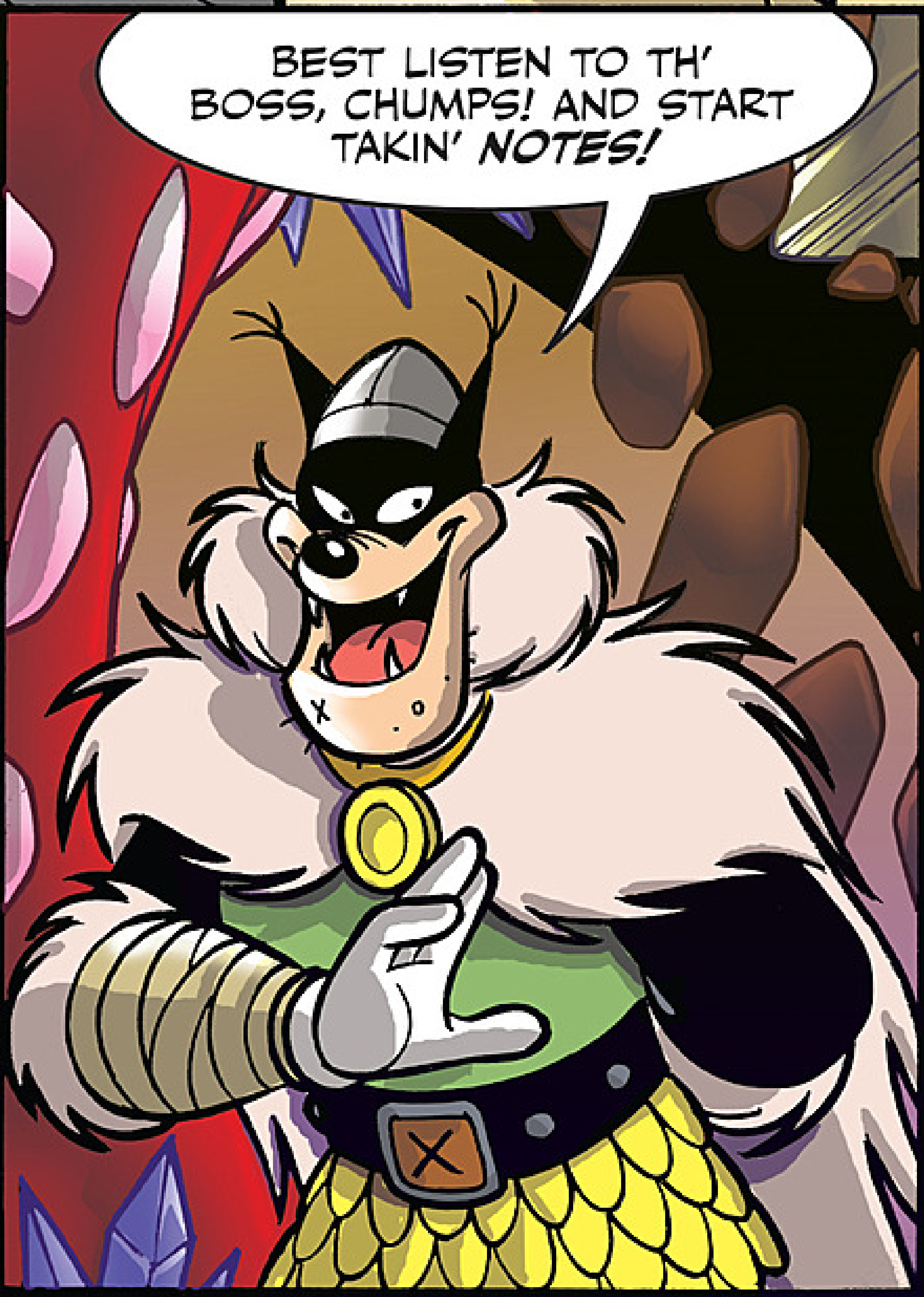

AT THE METEORMASTER'S FORTRESS ON THE MOON OF THE DRAGON!
-ARRRGH!- YOU FAILED!


MAGICA DE SPELL! BEAGLE BOYS! BAH! WHY, OH WHY DID I ENLIST SUCH BUMBLING BUNGLERS?!
FORGIVE US, METEOR-MASTER!


SILENCE! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE FEUDARNIA'S MOST DASTARDLY CRIMINALS!


BUT NOW I REALIZE I'M DEALING WITH A BUNCH OF INEPT STUMBLEBUMS!


IT AIN'T OUR FAULT!
MAGICA MADE US CHASE THE *WRONG* BUSTERBOT!
CAN IT, LIARS! YOU WENT AFTER THAT *FAKE* MAGIC HAMMER *WITHOUT* MY SAY-SO!
ENOUGH! ENOUGH! *ENOUGH!*


BEST LISTEN TO TH' BOSS, CHUMPS! AND START TAKIN' *NOTES!*

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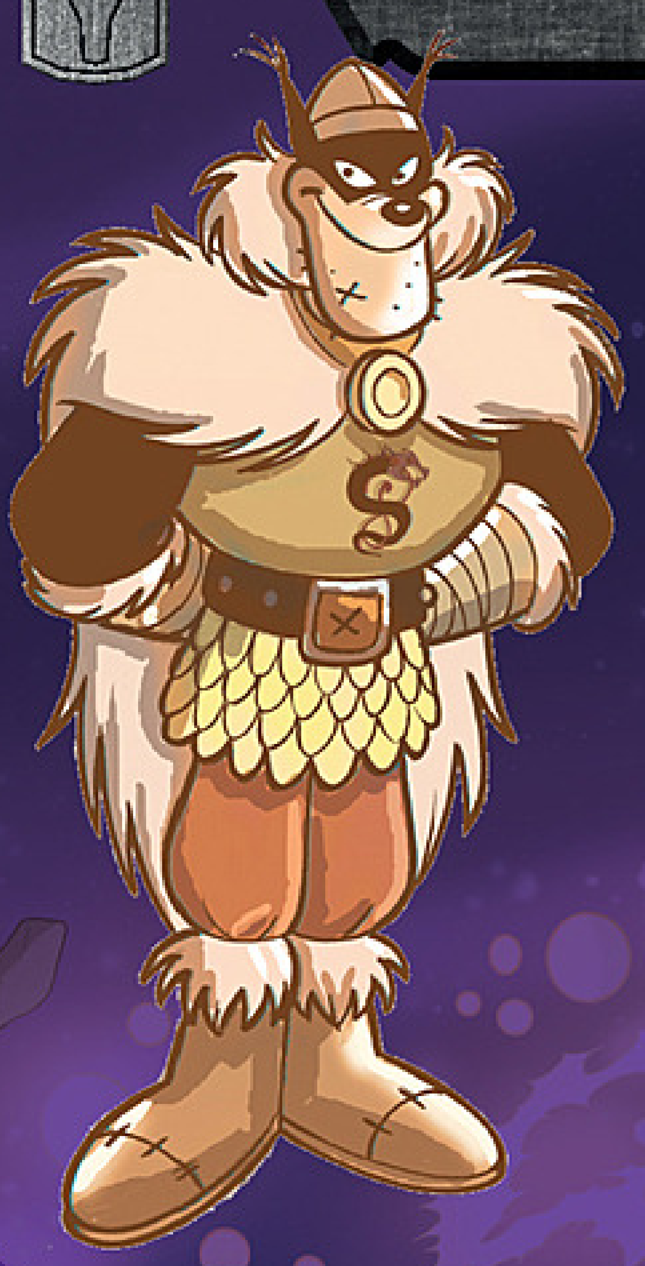
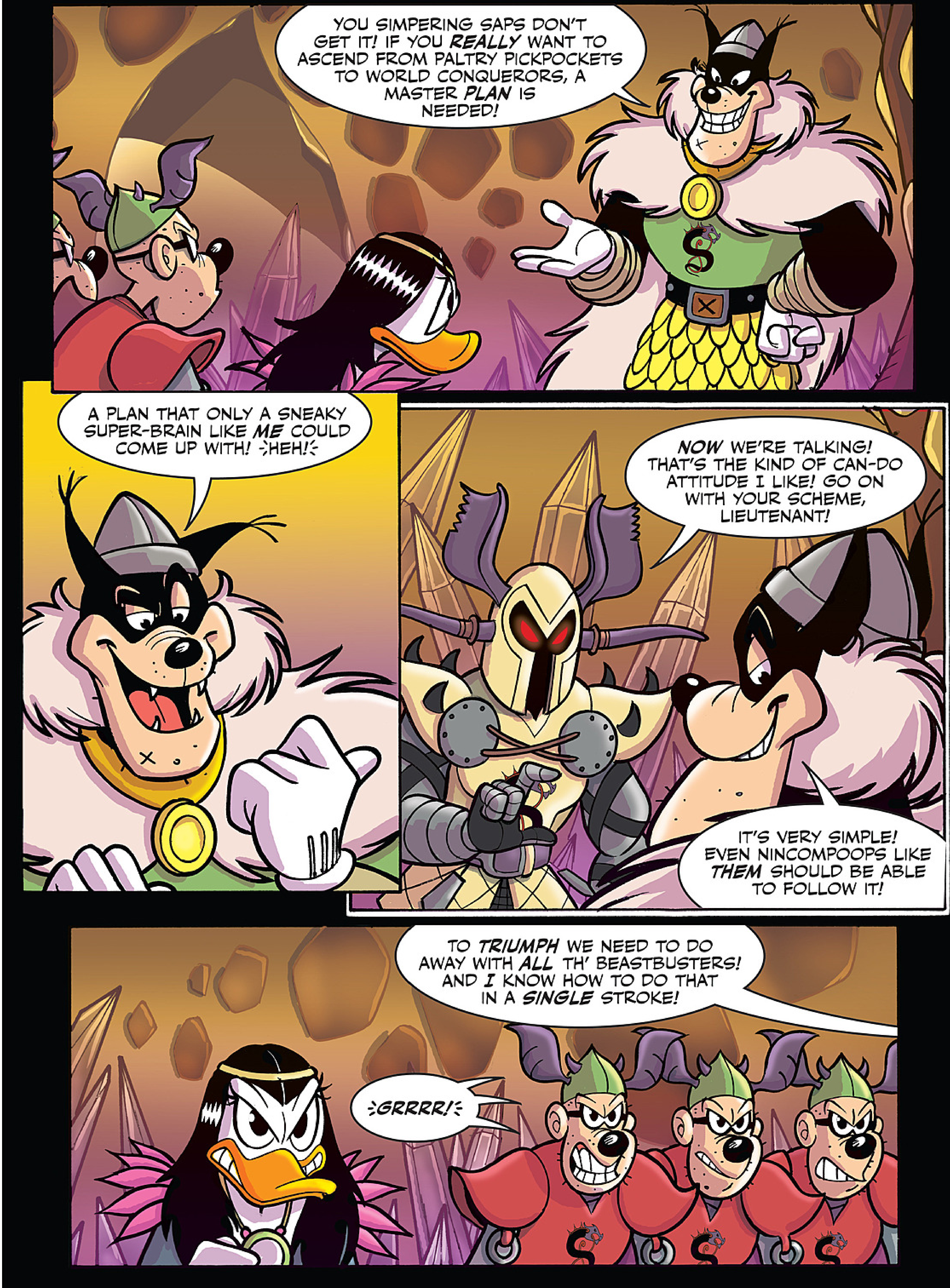


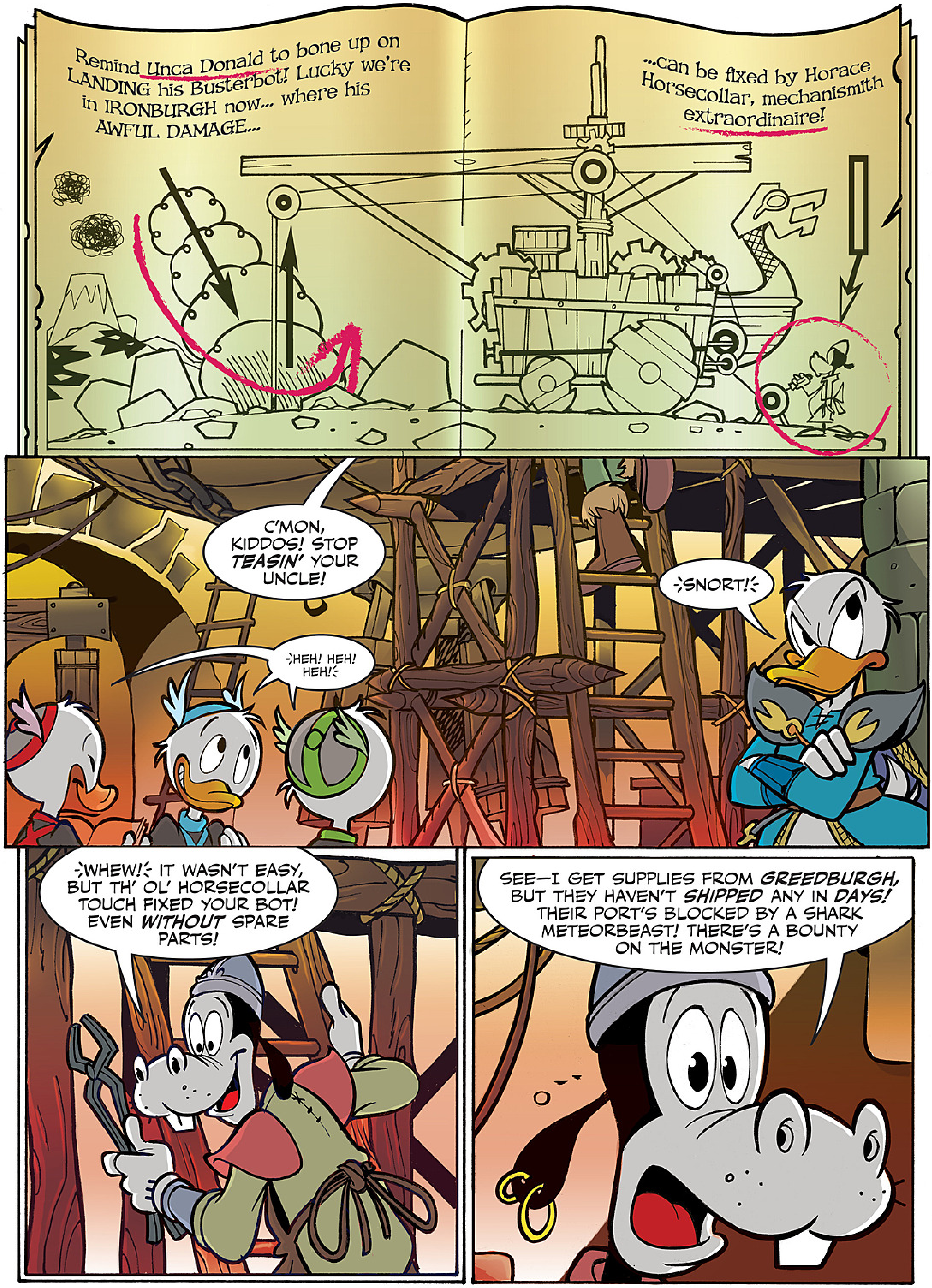
WHO:
Evil genius and the Meteormaster's General

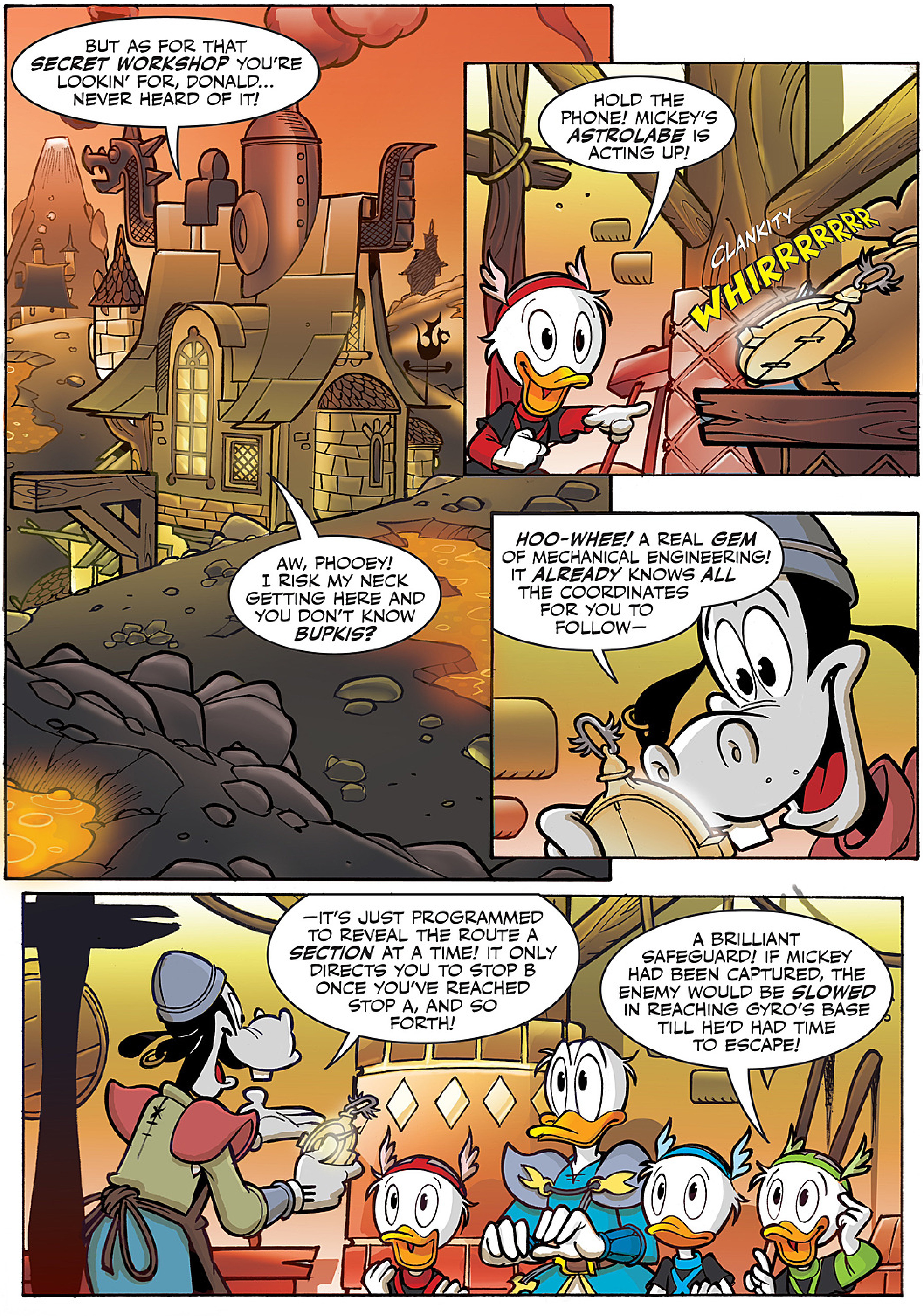
HOME:
Villainburgh township

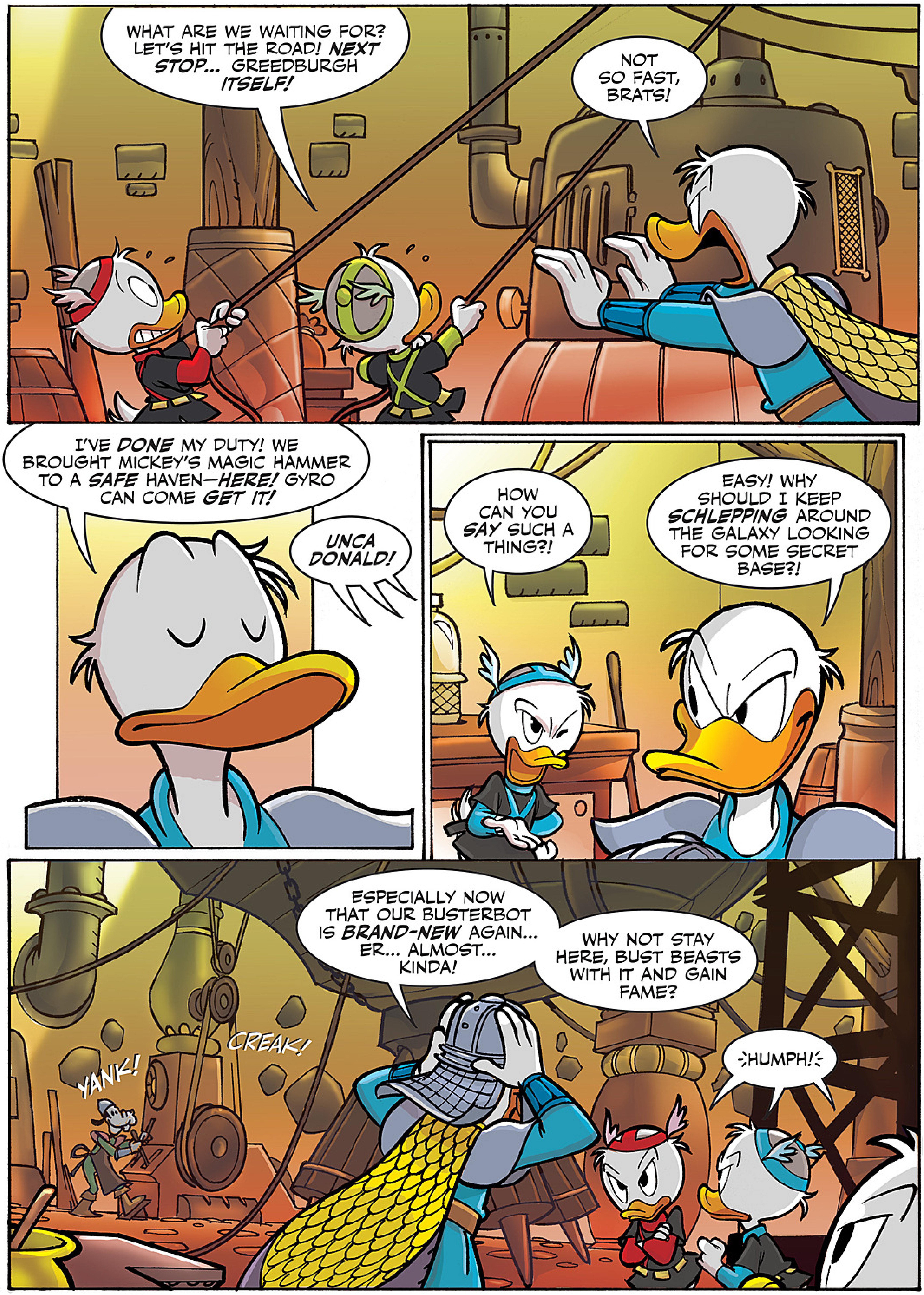
SECRET MISSION:
Aiding and abetting his cousin—Pegleg Pete!

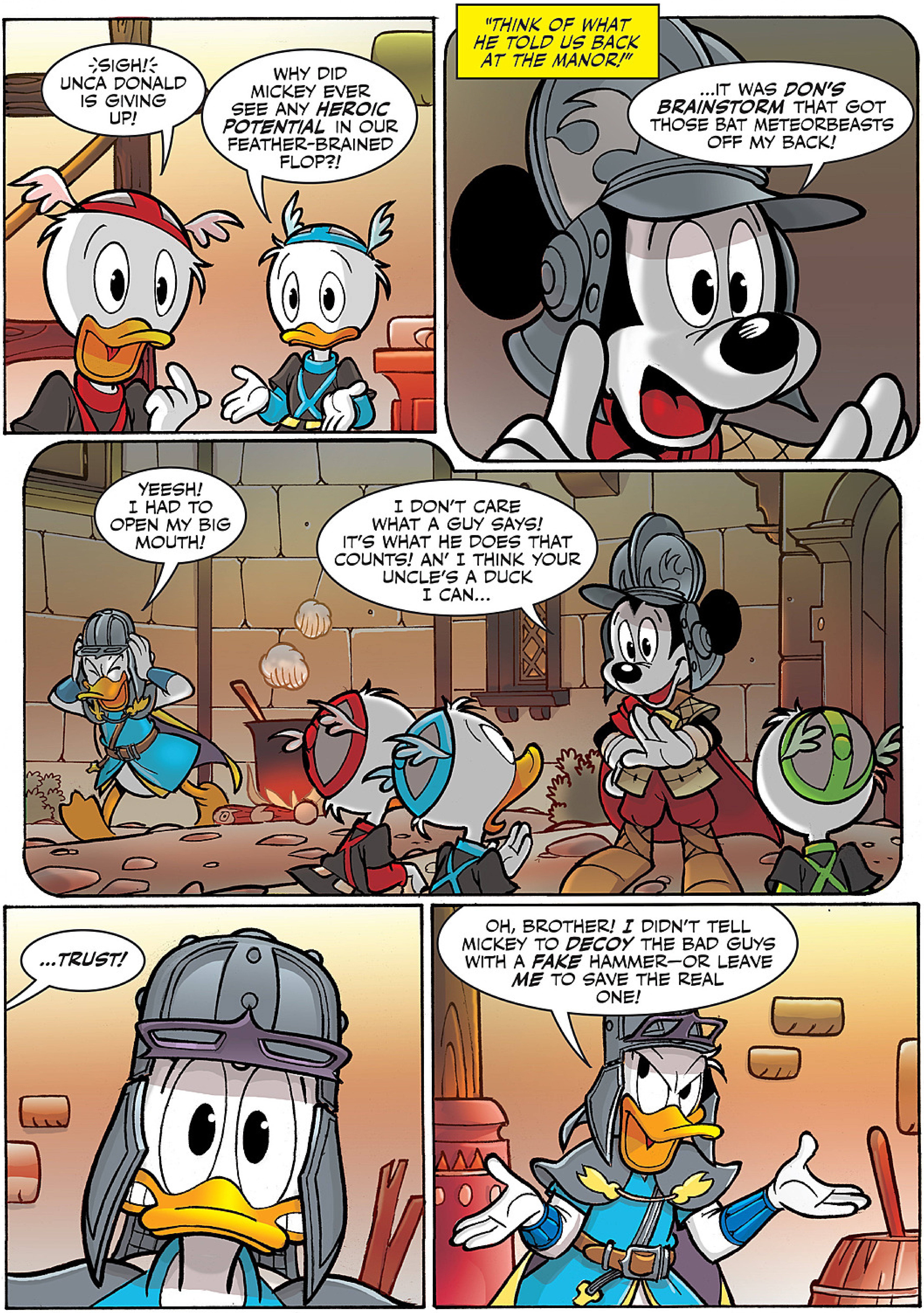
WEAKNESS:
Megalomaniac

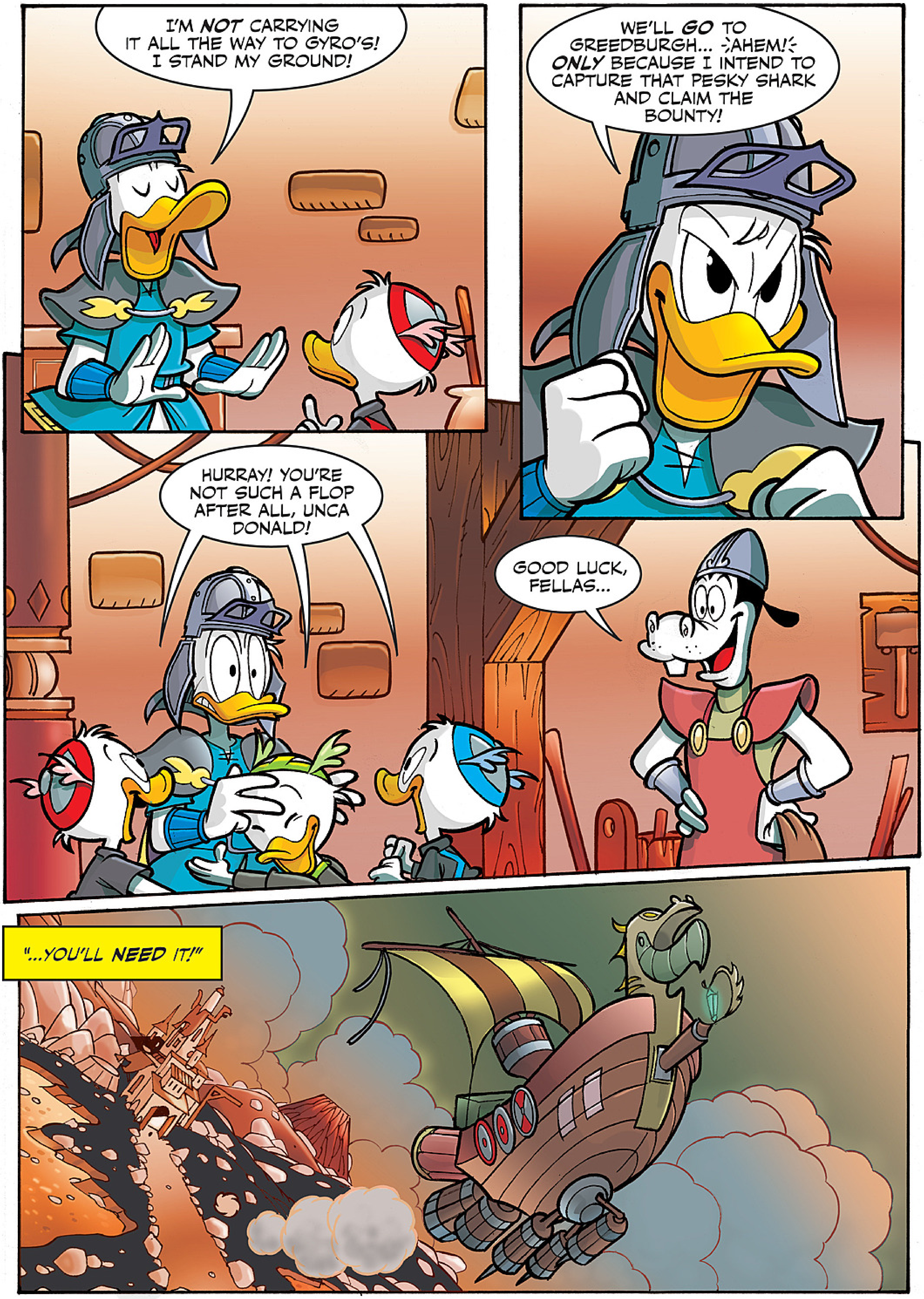

YOU SIMPERING SAPS DON'T GET IT! IF YOU *REALLY* WANT TO ASCEND FROM PALTRY PICKPOCKETS TO WORLD CONQUERORS, A MASTER *PLAN* IS NEEDED!
A PLAN THAT ONLY A SNEAKY SUPER-BRAIN LIKE *ME* COULD COME UP WITH! HEH!
NOW WE'RE TALKING! THAT'S THE KIND OF CAN-DO ATTITUDE I LIKE! GO ON WITH YOUR SCHEME, LIEUTENANT!
IT'S VERY SIMPLE! EVEN NINCOMPOOPS LIKE *THEM* SHOULD BE ABLE TO FOLLOW IT!
TO *TRIUMPH* WE NEED TO DO AWAY WITH *ALL* TH' BEASTBUSTERS! AND *I* KNOW HOW TO DO THAT IN A *SINGLE* STROKE!
GRRRR!

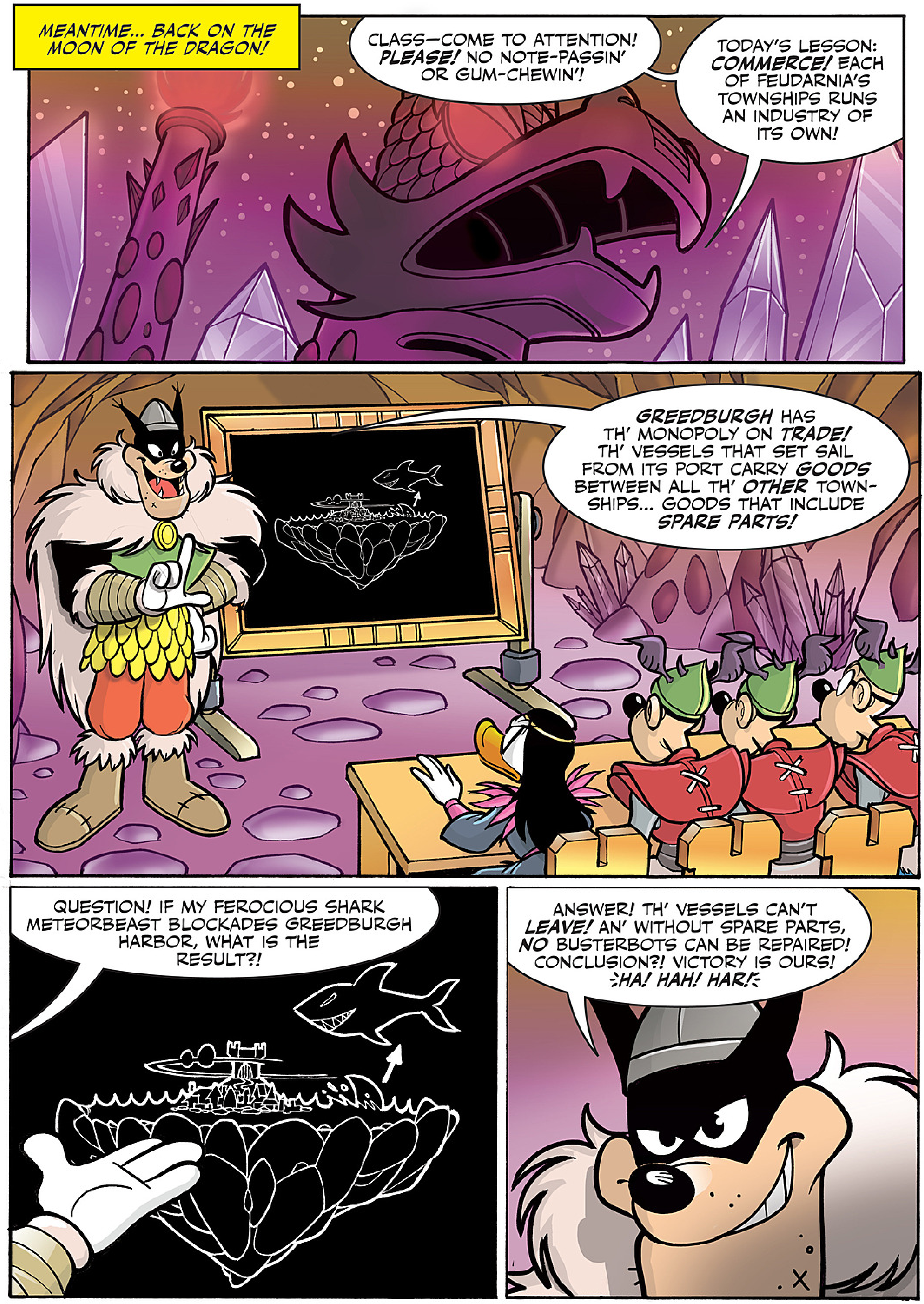

Remind Unca Donald to bone up on LANDING his Busterbot! Lucky we're in IRONBURGH now... where his AWFUL DAMAGE...
...can be fixed by Horace Horsecollar, mechanismith extraordinaire!
C'MON, KIDDOS! STOP TEASIN' YOUR UNCLE!
-SNORT!-
-HEH! HEH! HEH!-
-WHEW!- IT WASN'T EASY, BUT TH' OL' HORSECOLLAR TOUCH FIXED YOUR BOT! EVEN WITHOUT SPARE PARTS!
SEE—I GET SUPPLIES FROM GREEDBURGH, BUT THEY HAVEN'T SHIPPED ANY IN DAYS! THEIR PORT'S BLOCKED BY A SHARK METEORBEAST! THERE'S A BOUNTY ON THE MONSTER!


BUT AS FOR THAT **SECRET WORKSHOP** YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR, DONALD... NEVER HEARD OF IT!
AW, PHOOEY! I RISK MY NECK GETTING HERE AND YOU DON'T KNOW **BUPKIS?**
HOLD THE PHONE! MICKEY'S **ASTROLABE** IS ACTING UP!
CLANKITY
WHIRRRRRRR
HOO-WHEE! A REAL **GEM** OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING! IT **ALREADY** KNOWS **ALL** THE COORDINATES FOR YOU TO FOLLOW—
—IT'S JUST PROGRAMMED TO REVEAL THE ROUTE A **SECTION** AT A TIME! IT ONLY DIRECTS YOU TO STOP B ONCE YOU'VE REACHED STOP A, AND SO FORTH!
A BRILLIANT SAFEGUARD! IF MICKEY HAD BEEN CAPTURED, THE ENEMY WOULD BE **SLOWED** IN REACHING GYRO'S BASE TILL HE'D HAD TIME TO ESCAPE!

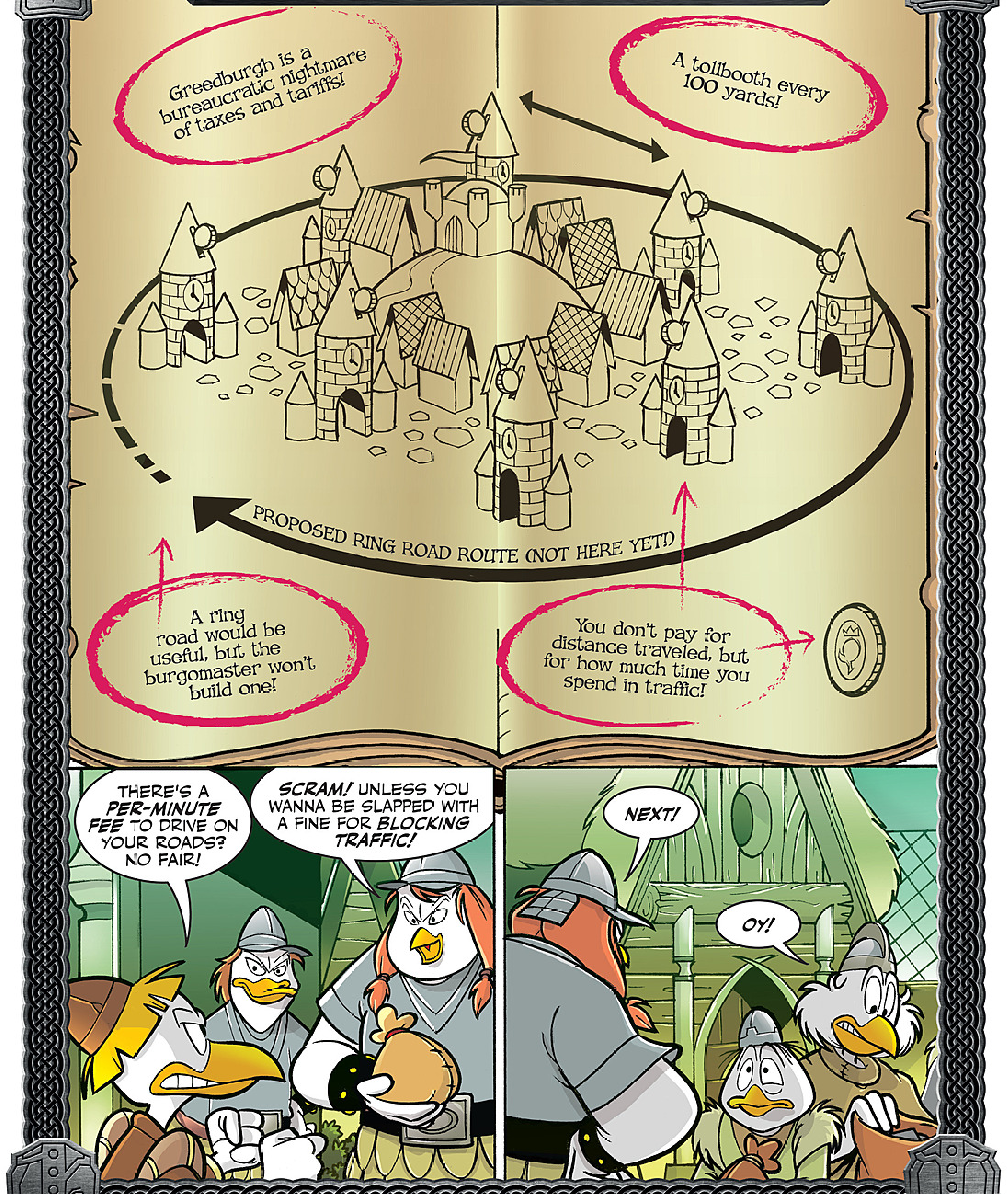

WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S HIT THE ROAD! *NEXT STOP...* GREEDBURGH *ITSELF!*
NOT SO FAST, BRATS!
I'VE *DONE* MY DUTY! WE BROUGHT MICKEY'S MAGIC HAMMER TO A *SAFE* HAVEN—*HERE!* GYRO CAN COME *GET IT!*
UNCA DONALD!
HOW CAN YOU *SAY* SUCH A THING?!
EASY! WHY SHOULD I KEEP *SCHLEPPING* AROUND THE GALAXY LOOKING FOR SOME SECRET BASE?!
ESPECIALLY NOW THAT OUR BUSTERBOT IS *BRAND-NEW* AGAIN... ER... ALMOST... KINDA!
WHY NOT STAY HERE, BUST BEASTS WITH IT AND GAIN FAME?
YANK!
CREAK!
HUMPH!

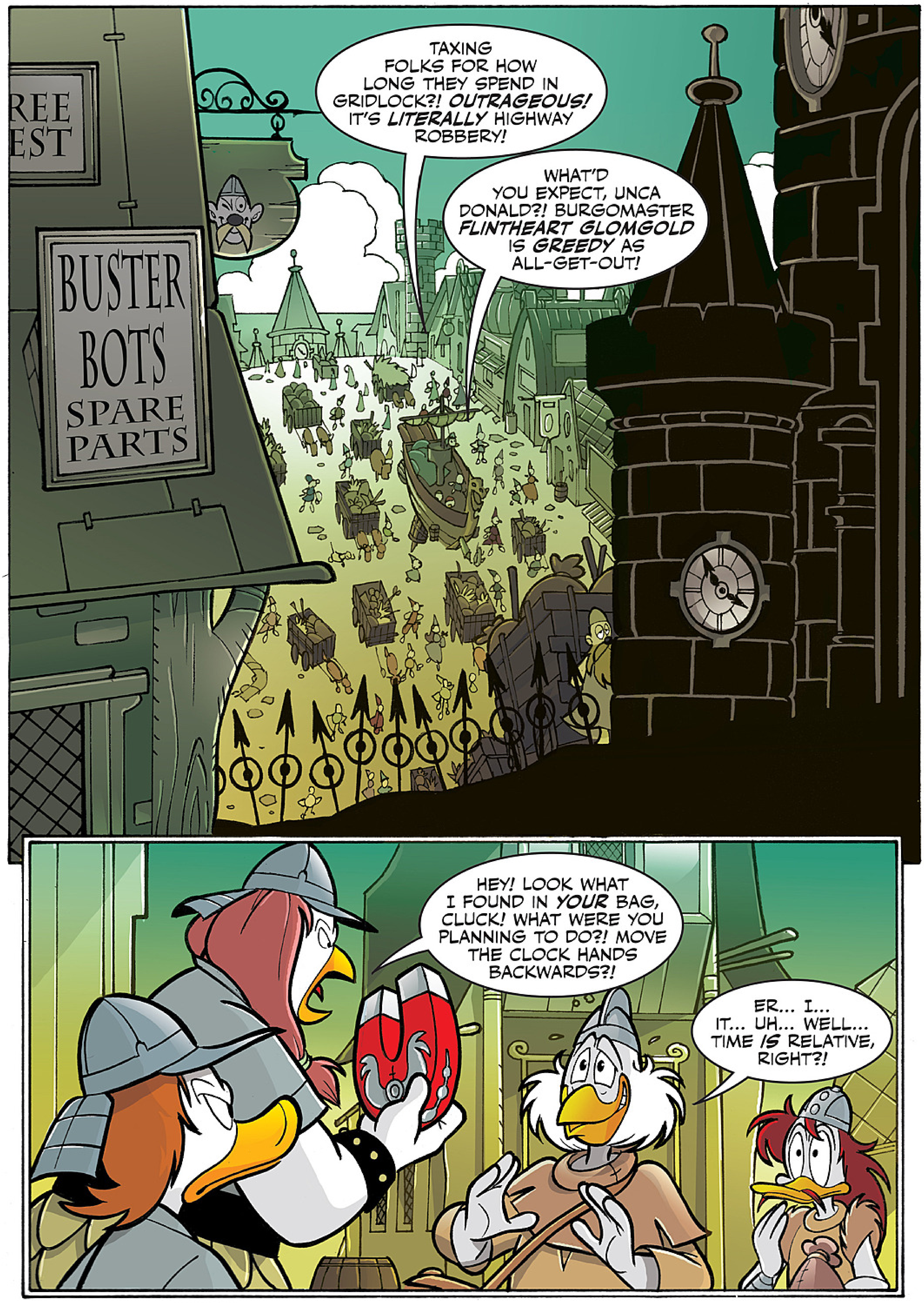

SIGH! UNCA DONALD IS GIVING UP!
WHY DID MICKEY EVER SEE ANY *HEROIC POTENTIAL* IN OUR FEATHER-BRAINED FLOP?!
"THINK OF WHAT HE TOLD US BACK AT THE MANOR!"
...IT WAS *DON'S BRAINSTORM* THAT GOT THOSE BAT METEORBEASTS OFF MY BACK!
YEESH! I HAD TO OPEN MY BIG MOUTH!
I DON'T CARE WHAT A GUY SAYS! IT'S WHAT HE DOES THAT COUNTS! AN' I THINK YOUR UNCLE'S A DUCK I CAN...
...*TRUST!*
OH, BROTHER! *I* DIDN'T TELL MICKEY TO *DECOY* THE BAD GUYS WITH A *FAKE* HAMMER—OR LEAVE *ME* TO SAVE THE REAL ONE!

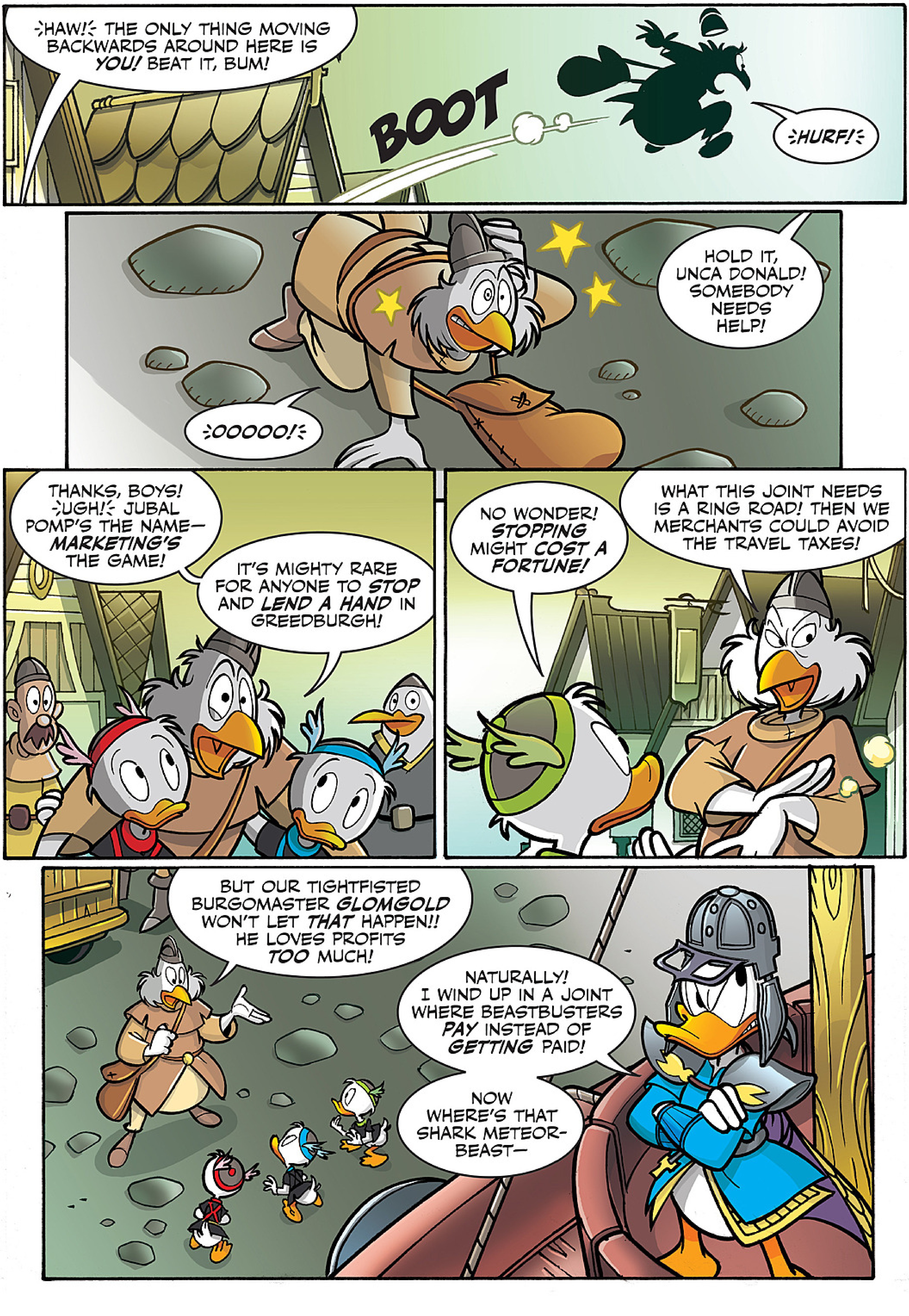

I'M *NOT* CARRYING IT ALL THE WAY TO GYRO'S! I STAND MY GROUND!
WE'LL *GO* TO GREEDBURGH... AHEM! *ONLY* BECAUSE I INTEND TO CAPTURE THAT PESKY SHARK AND CLAIM THE BOUNTY!
HURRAY! YOU'RE NOT SUCH A FLOP AFTER ALL, UNCA DONALD!
GOOD LUCK, FELLAS...
"...YOU'LL *NEED* IT!"

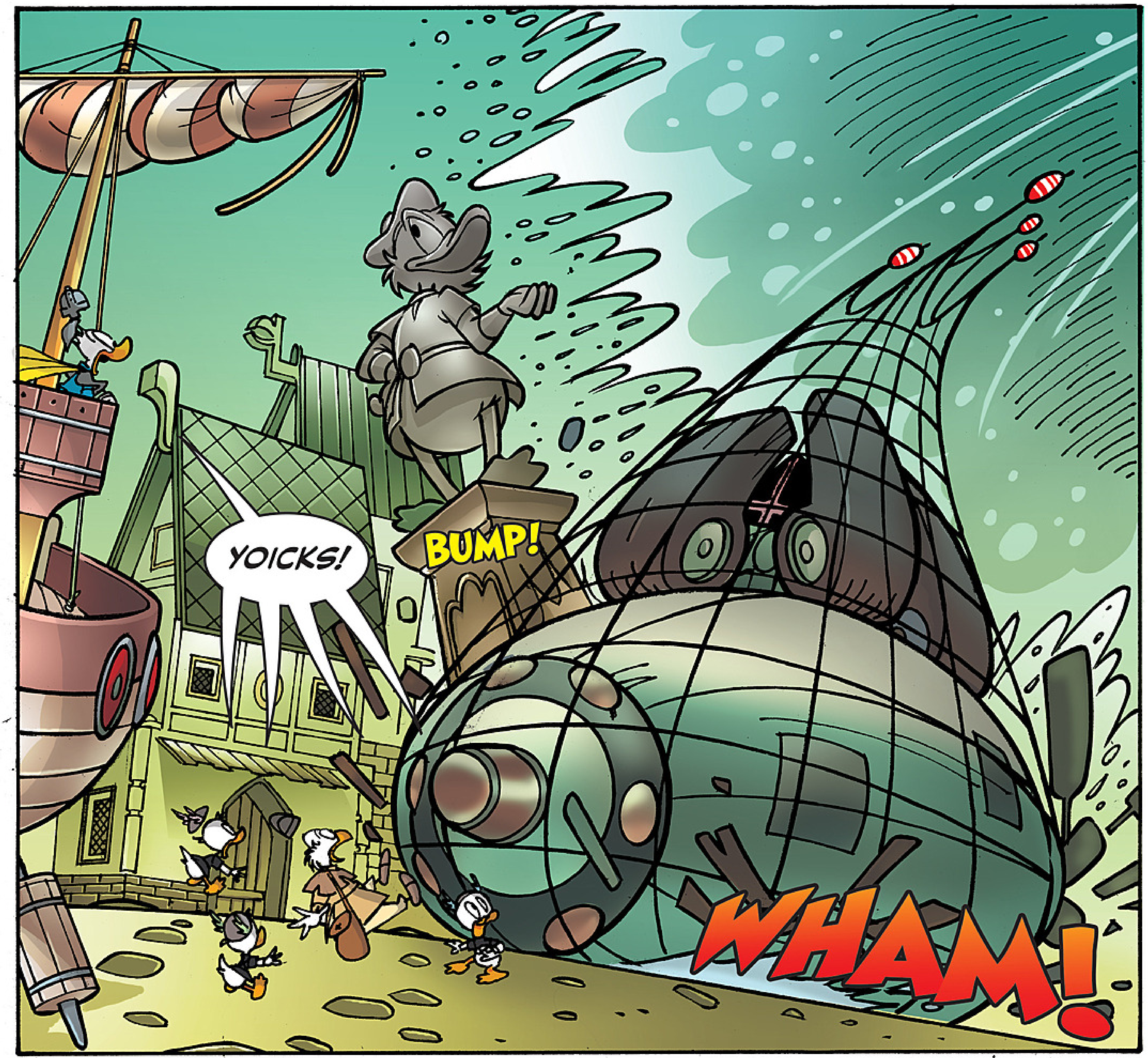

MEANTIME... BACK ON THE MOON OF THE DRAGON!
CLASS—COME TO ATTENTION! PLEASE! NO NOTE-PASSIN' OR GUM-CHEWIN'!
TODAY'S LESSON: COMMERCE! EACH OF FEUDARNIA'S TOWNSHIPS RUNS AN INDUSTRY OF ITS OWN!
GREEDBURGH HAS TH' MONOPOLY ON TRADE! TH' VESSELS THAT SET SAIL FROM ITS PORT CARRY GOODS BETWEEN ALL TH' OTHER TOWNSHIPS... GOODS THAT INCLUDE SPARE PARTS!
QUESTION! IF MY FEROCIOUS SHARK METEORBEAST BLOCKADES GREEDBURGH HARBOR, WHAT IS THE RESULT?!
ANSWER! TH' VESSELS CAN'T LEAVE! AN' WITHOUT SPARE PARTS, NO BUSTERBOTS CAN BE REPAIRED! CONCLUSION?! VICTORY IS OURS! HA! HAH! HAR!

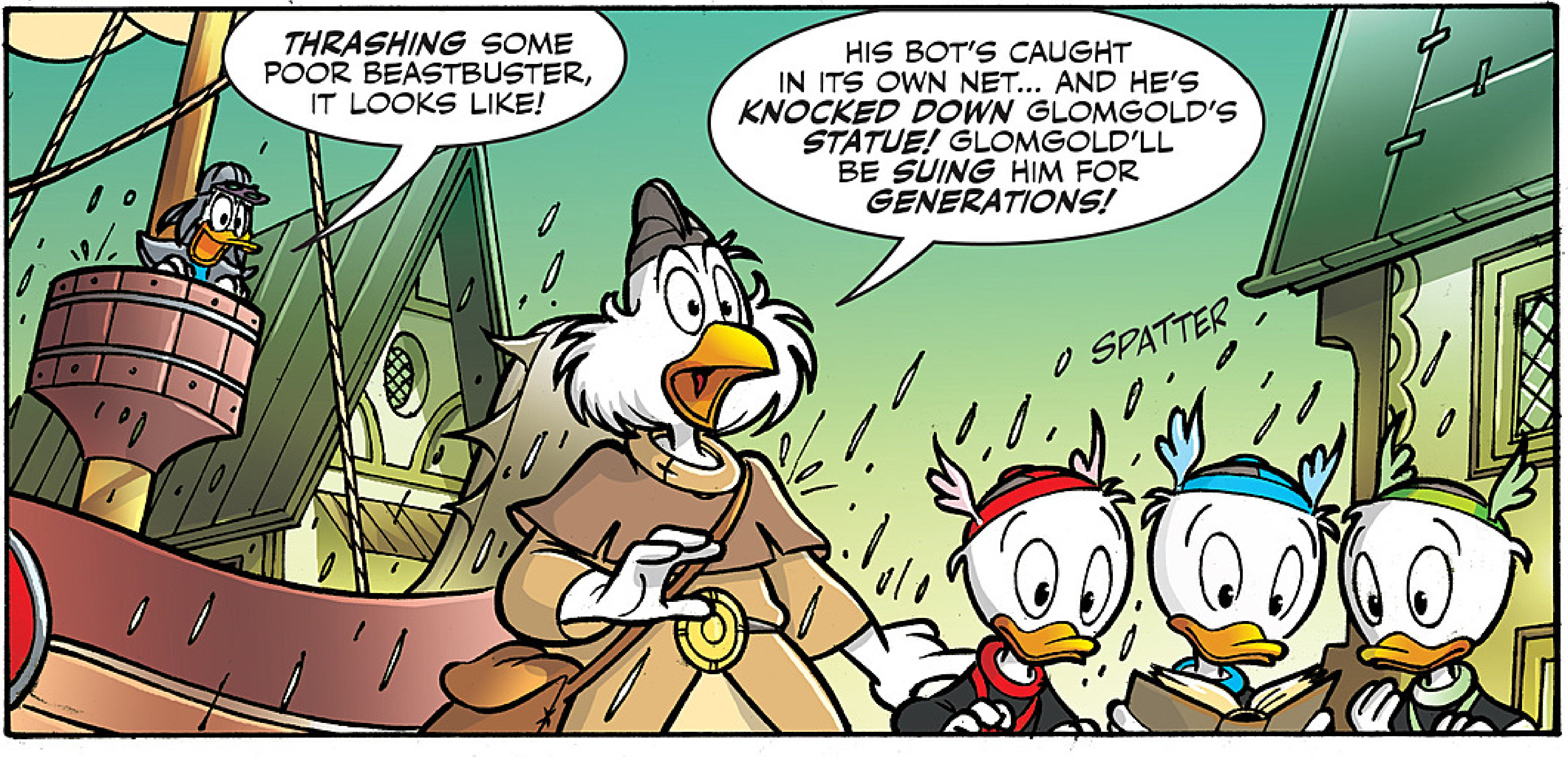
Chapter 2
TEETH AND HAMMER

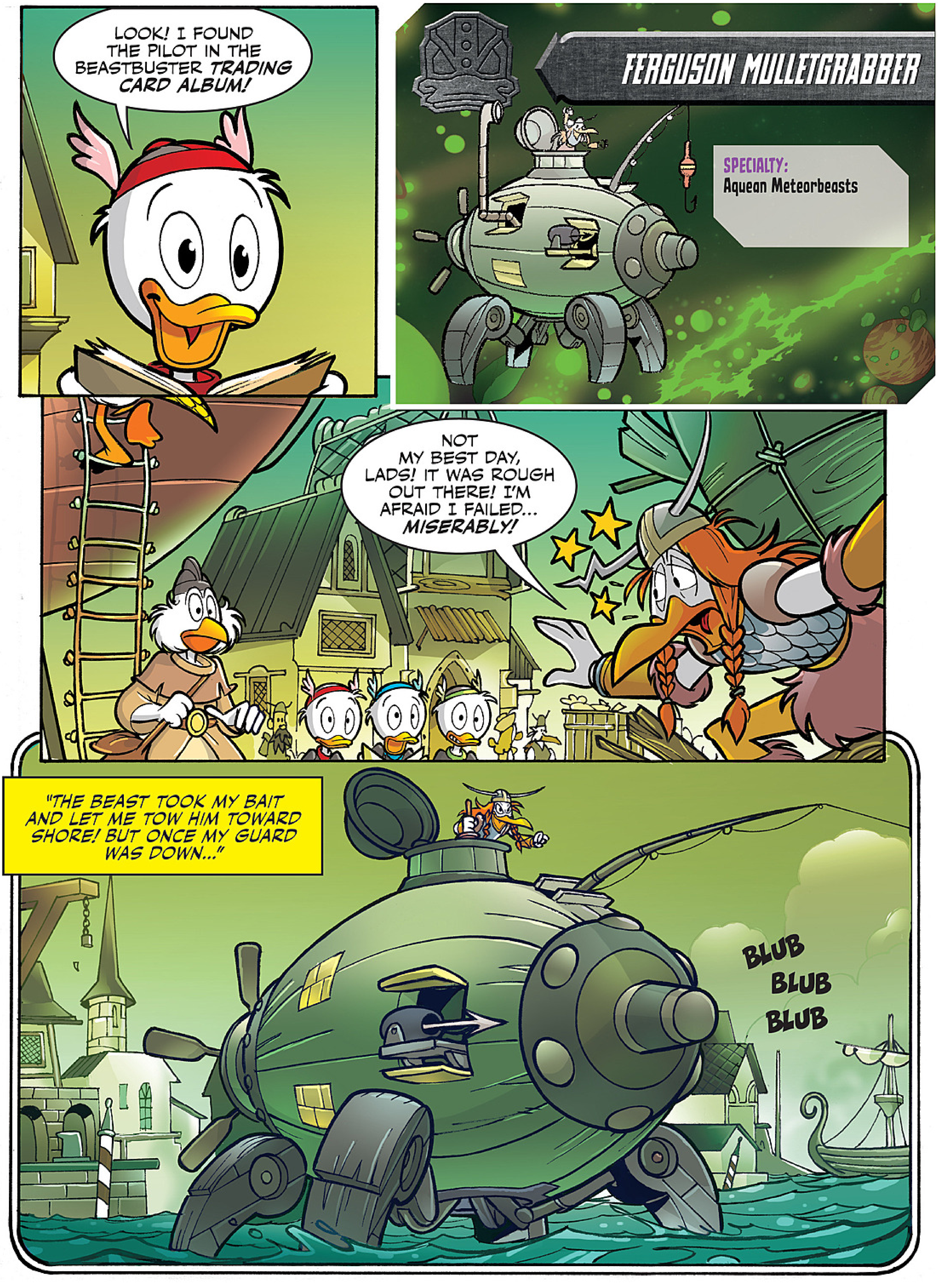

Greedburgh is a bureaucratic nightmare of taxes and tariffs!
A tollbooth every 100 yards!
PROPOSED RING ROAD ROUTE (NOT HERE YET!)
A ring road would be useful, but the burgomaster won't build one!
You don't pay for distance traveled, but for how much time you spend in traffic!
THERE'S A PER-MINUTE FEE TO DRIVE ON YOUR ROADS? NO FAIR!
SCRAM! UNLESS YOU WANNA BE SLAPPED WITH A FINE FOR BLOCKING TRAFFIC!
NEXT!
OY!

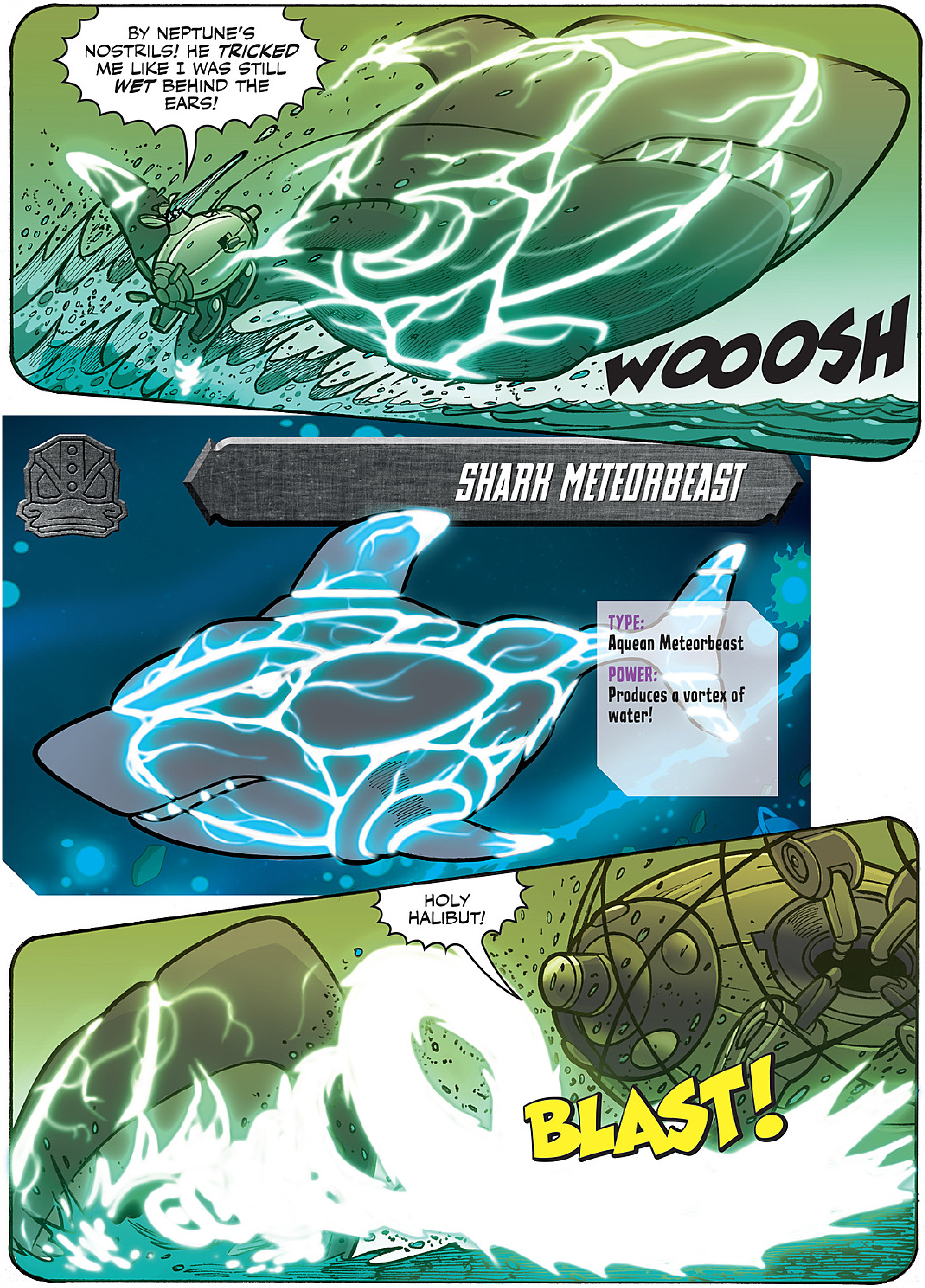

REE
EST
BUSTER BOTS SPARE PARTS
TAXING FOLKS FOR HOW LONG THEY SPEND IN GRIDLOCK?! ***OUTRAGEOUS!*** IT'S ***LITERALLY*** HIGHWAY ROBBERY!
WHAT'D YOU EXPECT, UNCA DONALD?! BURGOMASTER ***FLINTHEART GLOMGOLD*** IS ***GREEDY*** AS ALL-GET-OUT!
HEY! LOOK WHAT I FOUND IN ***YOUR*** BAG, CLUCK! WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING TO DO?! MOVE THE CLOCK HANDS BACKWARDS?!
ER... I... IT... UH... WELL... TIME ***IS*** RELATIVE, RIGHT?!

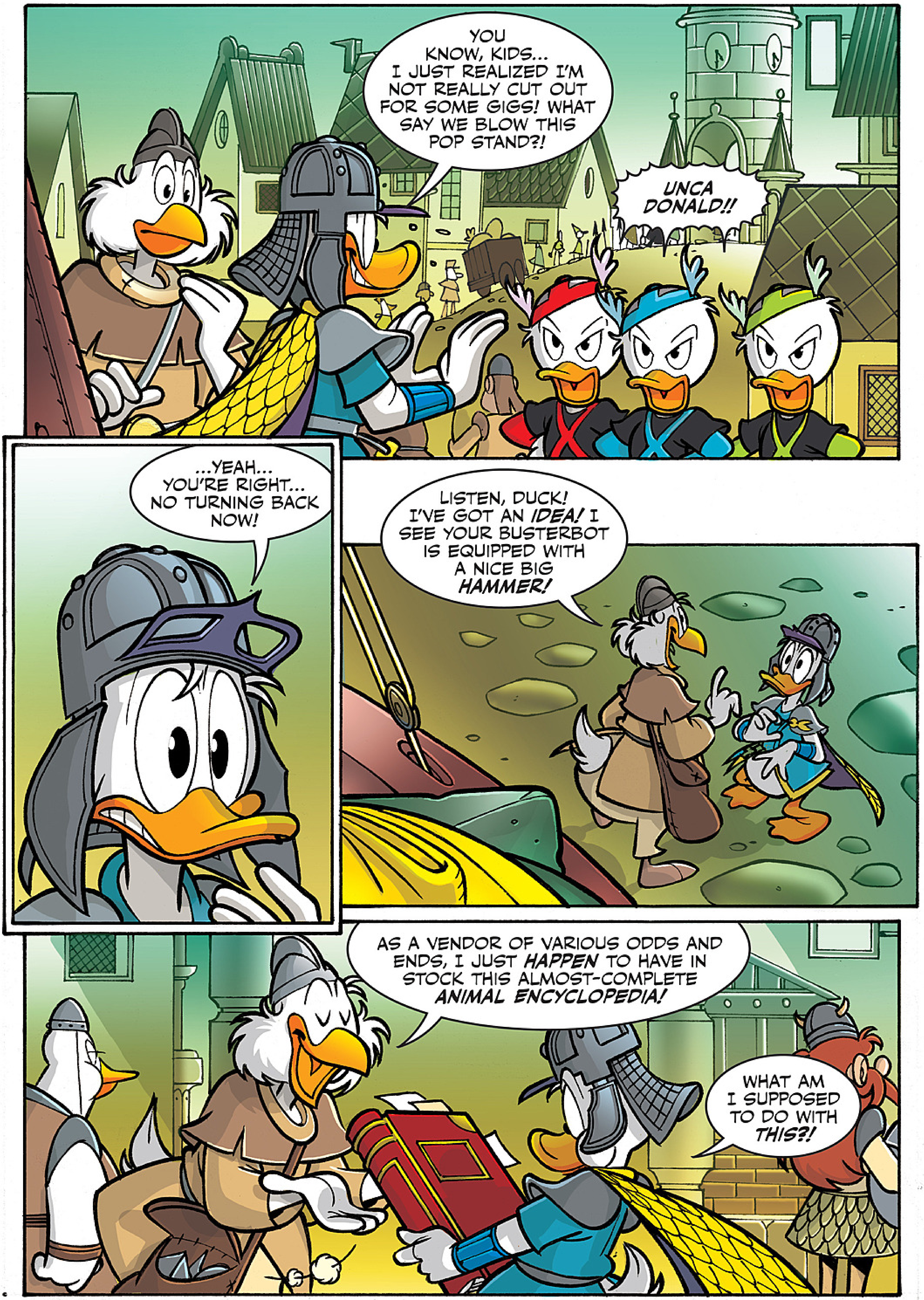

-HAW!- THE ONLY THING MOVING BACKWARDS AROUND HERE IS *YOU!* BEAT IT, BUM!
BOOT
-HURF!-
HOLD IT, UNCA DONALD! SOMEBODY NEEDS HELP!
-OOOOO!-
THANKS, BOYS! -UGH!- JUBAL POMP'S THE NAME— *MARKETING'S* THE GAME!
IT'S MIGHTY RARE FOR ANYONE TO *STOP* AND *LEND A HAND* IN GREEDBURGH!
NO WONDER! *STOPPING* MIGHT *COST A FORTUNE!*
WHAT THIS JOINT NEEDS IS A RING ROAD! THEN WE MERCHANTS COULD AVOID THE TRAVEL TAXES!
BUT OUR TIGHTFISTED BURGOMASTER *GLOMGOLD* WON'T LET *THAT* HAPPEN!! HE LOVES PROFITS *TOO* MUCH!
NATURALLY! I WIND UP IN A JOINT WHERE BEASTBUSTERS *PAY* INSTEAD OF *GETTING* PAID!
NOW WHERE'S THAT SHARK METEOR-BEAST—

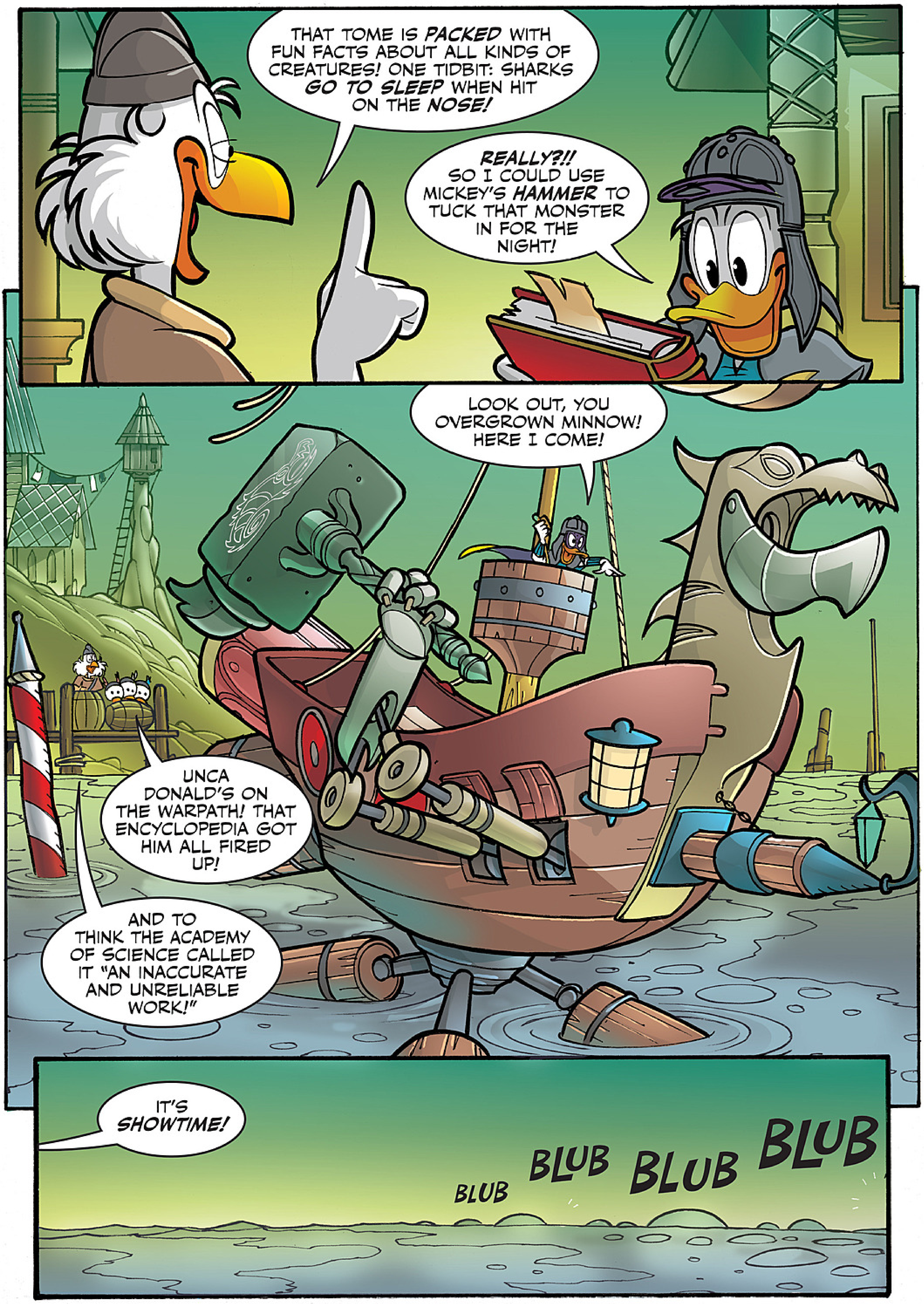

YOICKS!
BUMP!
WHAM!

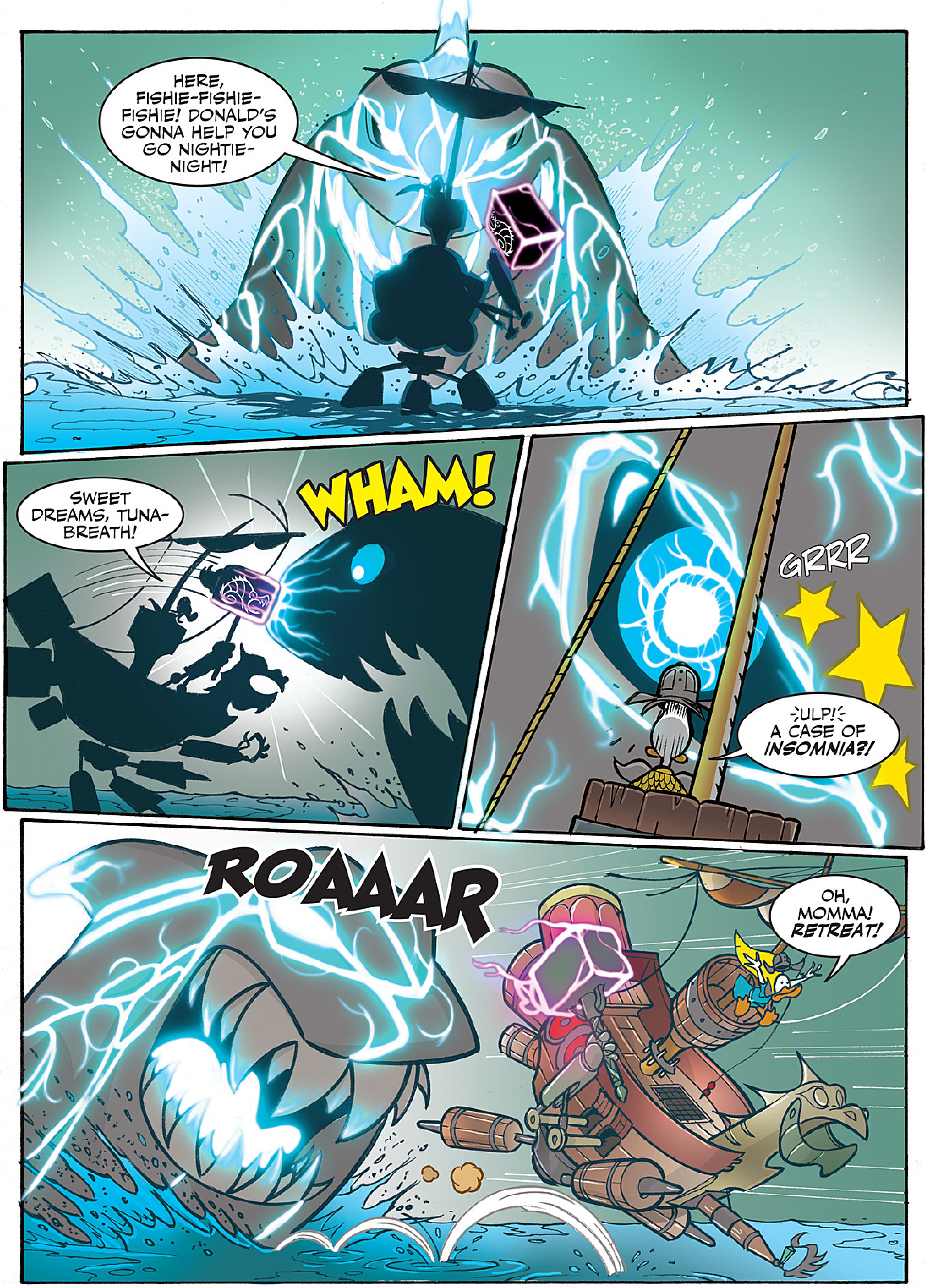

THRASHING SOME POOR BEASTBUSTER, IT LOOKS LIKE!
HIS BOT'S CAUGHT IN ITS OWN NET... AND HE'S *KNOCKED DOWN* GLOMGOLD'S *STATUE!* GLOMGOLD'LL BE *SUING* HIM FOR *GENERATIONS!*
SPATTER

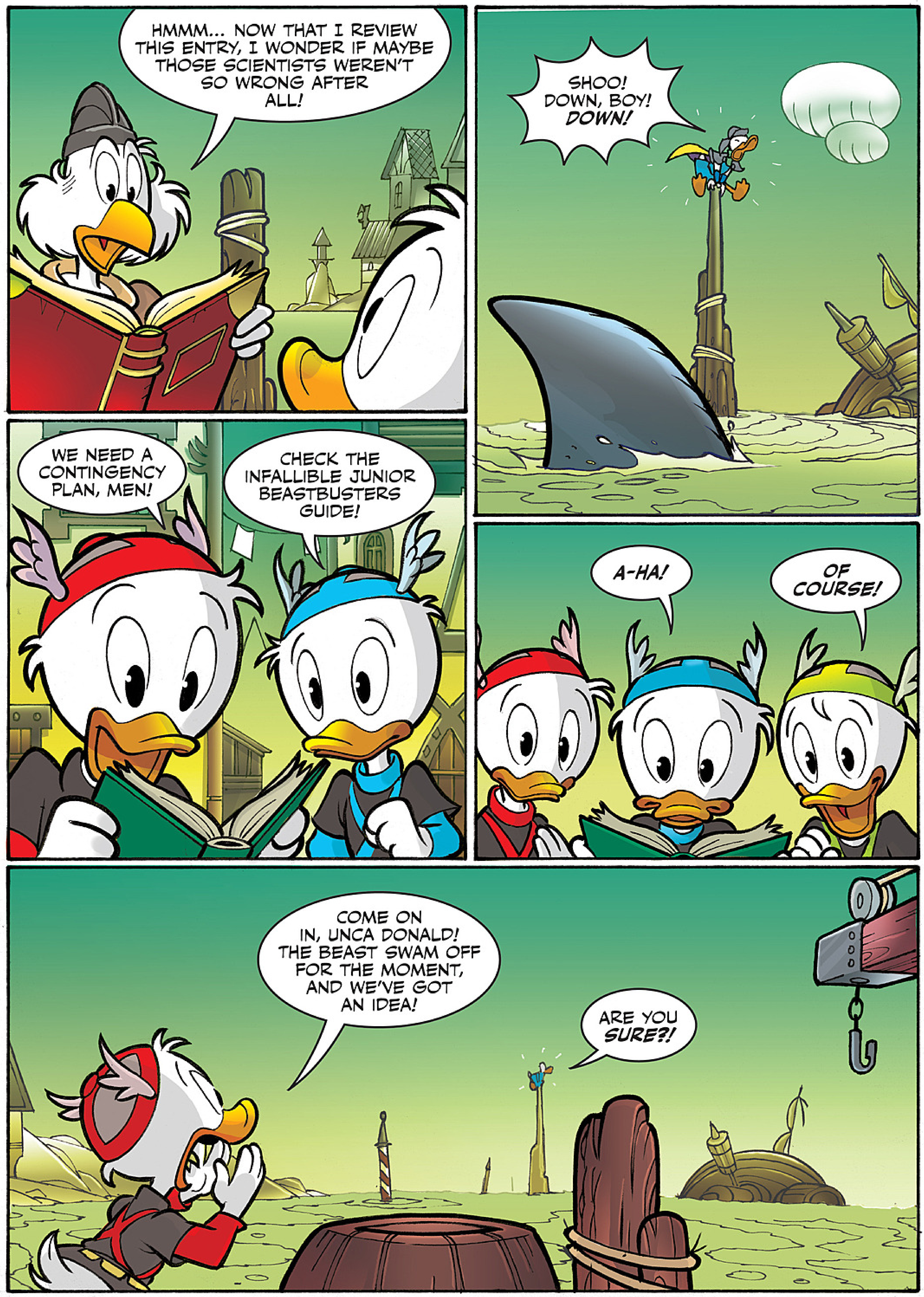

LOOK! I FOUND THE PILOT IN THE BEASTBUSTER *TRADING CARD ALBUM!*
FERGUSON MULLETGRABBER
SPECIALTY:
Aquean Meteorbeasts
NOT MY BEST DAY, LADS! IT WAS ROUGH OUT THERE! I'M AFRAID I FAILED... *MISERABLY!*
"THE BEAST TOOK MY BAIT AND LET ME TOW HIM TOWARD SHORE! BUT ONCE MY GUARD WAS DOWN..."
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB


BY NEPTUNE'S NOSTRILS! HE *TRICKED* ME LIKE I WAS STILL *WET* BEHIND THE EARS!
WOOOSH
SHARK METEORBEAST
TYPE:
Aquean Meteorbeast
POWER:
Produces a vortex of water!
HOLY HALIBUT!
BLAST!

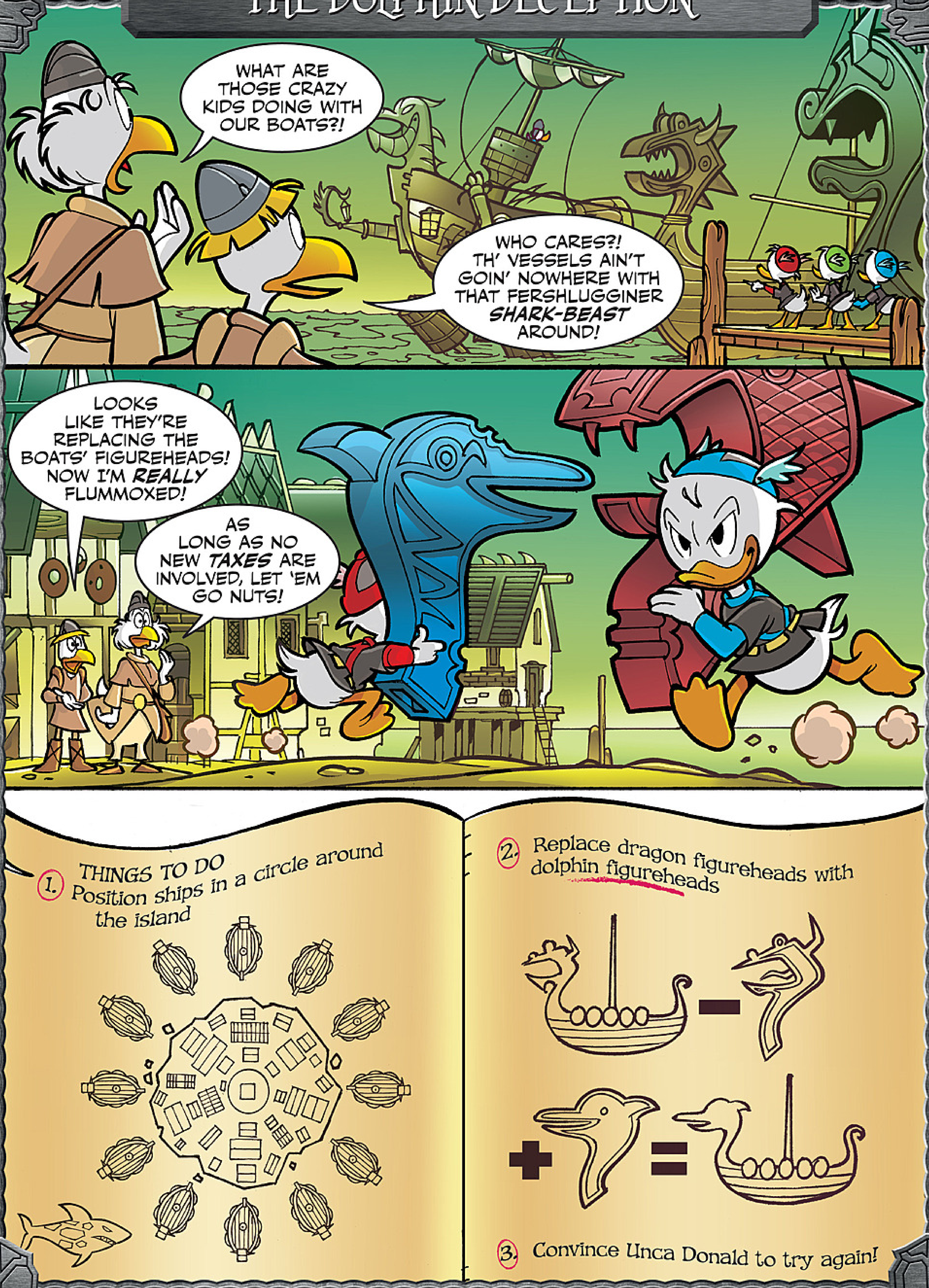

YOU KNOW, KIDS... I JUST REALIZED I'M NOT REALLY CUT OUT FOR SOME GIGS! WHAT SAY WE BLOW THIS POP STAND?!
UNCA DONALD!!
...YEAH... YOU'RE RIGHT... NO TURNING BACK NOW!
LISTEN, DUCK! I'VE GOT AN *IDEA!* I SEE YOUR BUSTERBOT IS EQUIPPED WITH A NICE BIG *HAMMER!*
AS A VENDOR OF VARIOUS ODDS AND ENDS, I JUST *HAPPEN* TO HAVE IN STOCK THIS ALMOST-COMPLETE *ANIMAL ENCYCLOPEDIA!*
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH *THIS?!*

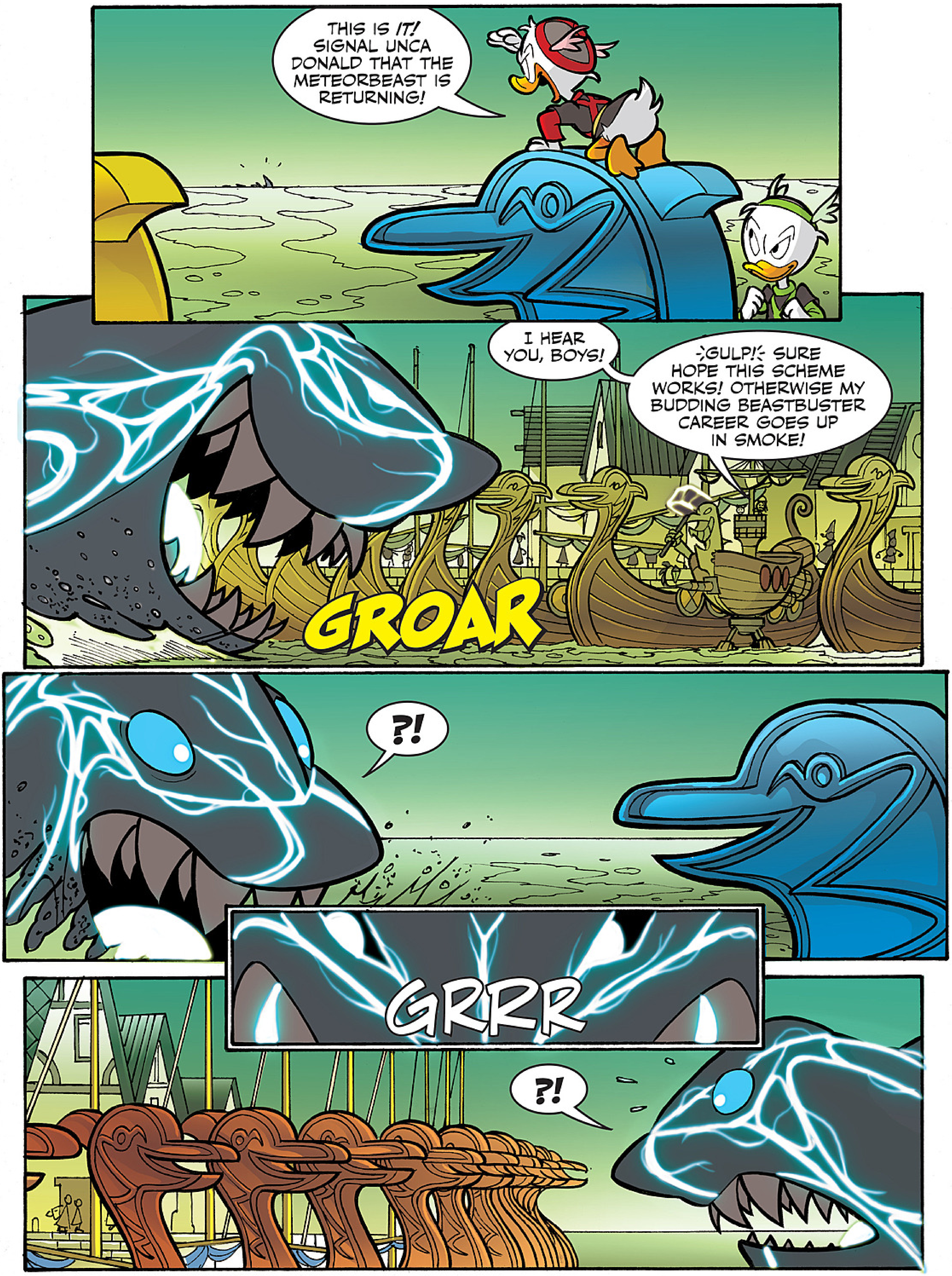

THAT TOME IS *PACKED* WITH FUN FACTS ABOUT ALL KINDS OF CREATURES! ONE TIDBIT: SHARKS *GO TO SLEEP* WHEN HIT ON THE *NOSE!*
REALLY?!! SO I COULD USE MICKEY'S *HAMMER* TO TUCK THAT MONSTER IN FOR THE NIGHT!
LOOK OUT, YOU OVERGROWN MINNOW! HERE I COME!
UNCA DONALD'S ON THE WARPATH! THAT ENCYCLOPEDIA GOT HIM ALL FIRED UP!
AND TO THINK THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE CALLED IT "AN INACCURATE AND UNRELIABLE WORK!"
IT'S *SHOWTIME!*
BLUB BLUB BLUB BLUB

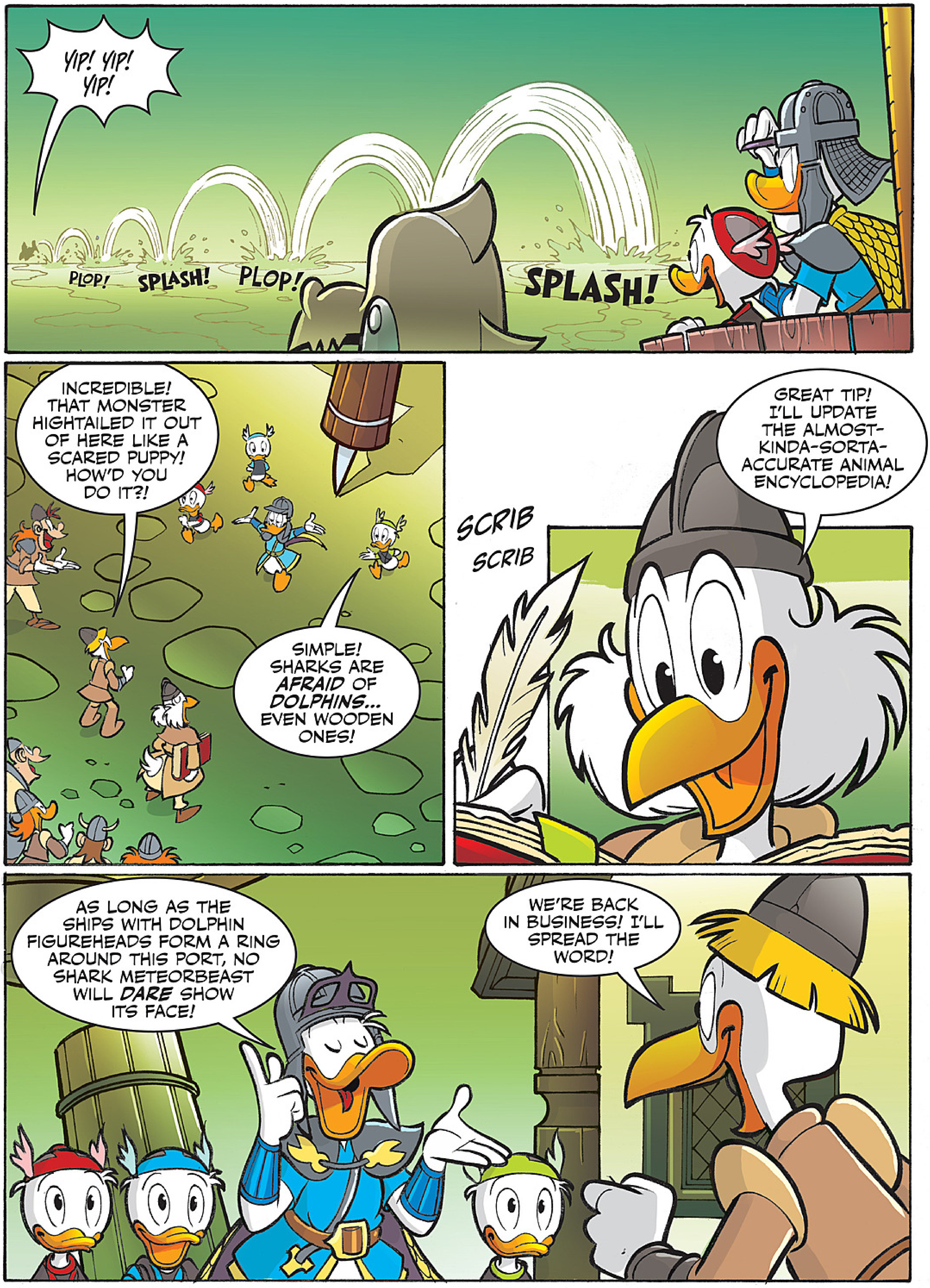

HERE, FISHIE-FISHIE-FISHIE! DONALD'S GONNA HELP YOU GO NIGHTIE-NIGHT!
SWEET DREAMS, TUNA-BREATH!
WHAM!
GRRR
ULP! A CASE OF *INSOMNIA?!*
ROAAAR
OH, MOMMA! *RETREAT!*

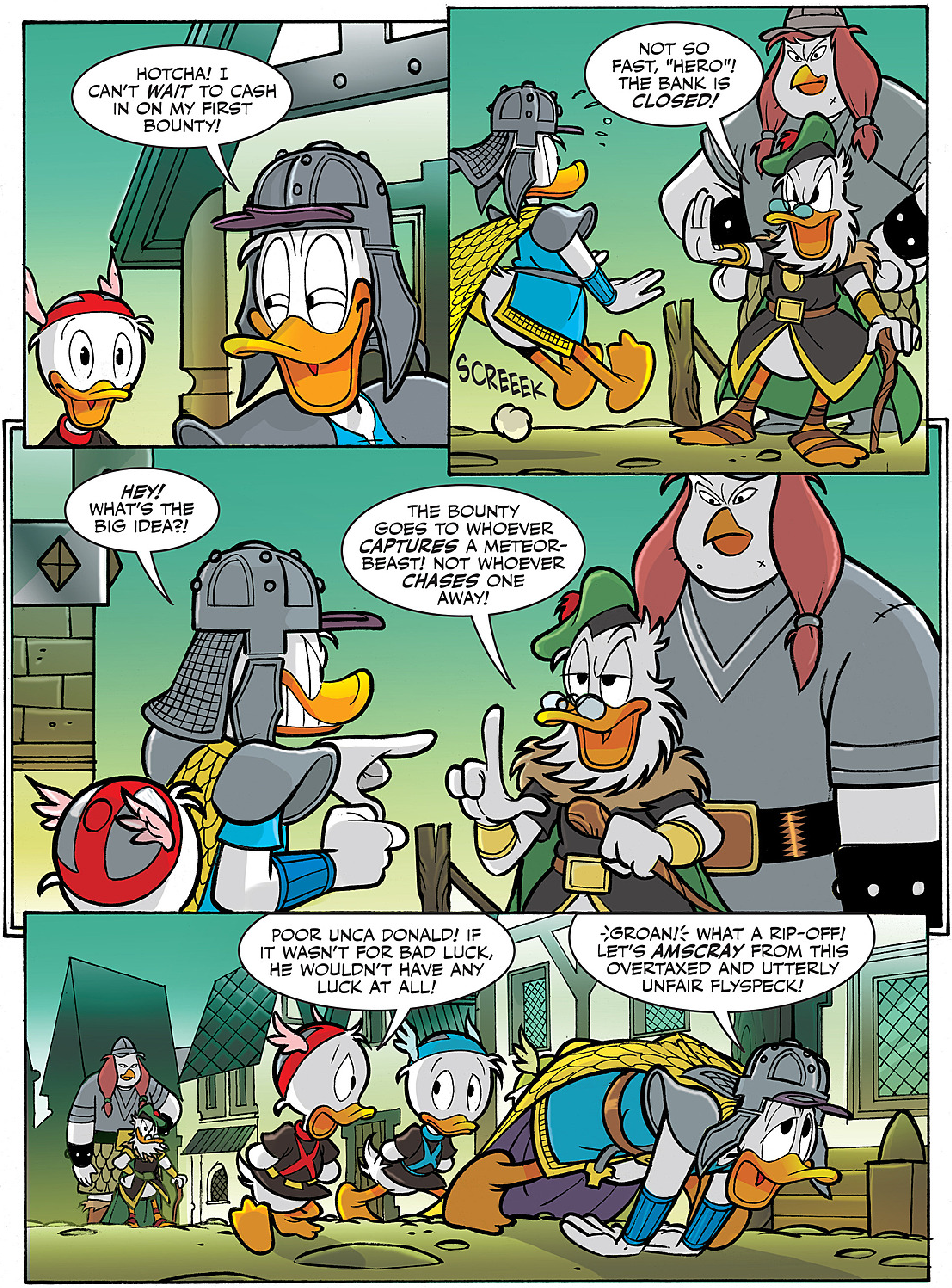

HMMM... NOW THAT I REVIEW THIS ENTRY, I WONDER IF MAYBE THOSE SCIENTISTS WEREN'T SO WRONG AFTER ALL!
SHOO! DOWN, BOY! *DOWN!*
WE NEED A CONTINGENCY PLAN, MEN!
CHECK THE INFALLIBLE JUNIOR BEASTBUSTERS GUIDE!
A-HA!
OF COURSE!
COME ON IN, UNCA DONALD! THE BEAST SWAM OFF FOR THE MOMENT, AND WE'VE GOT AN IDEA!
ARE YOU *SURE?!*

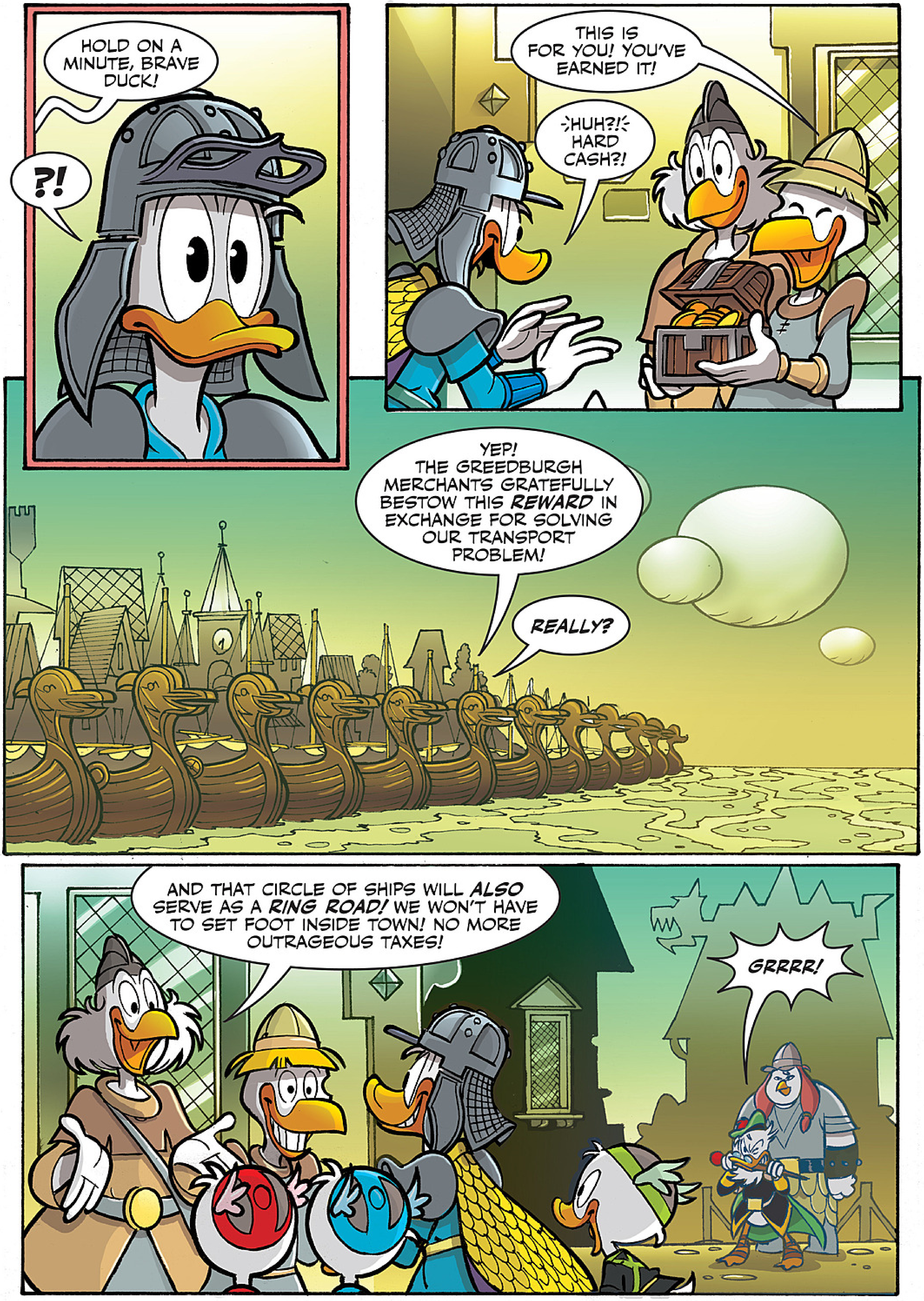
Chapter 3
THE DOLPHIN DECEPTION

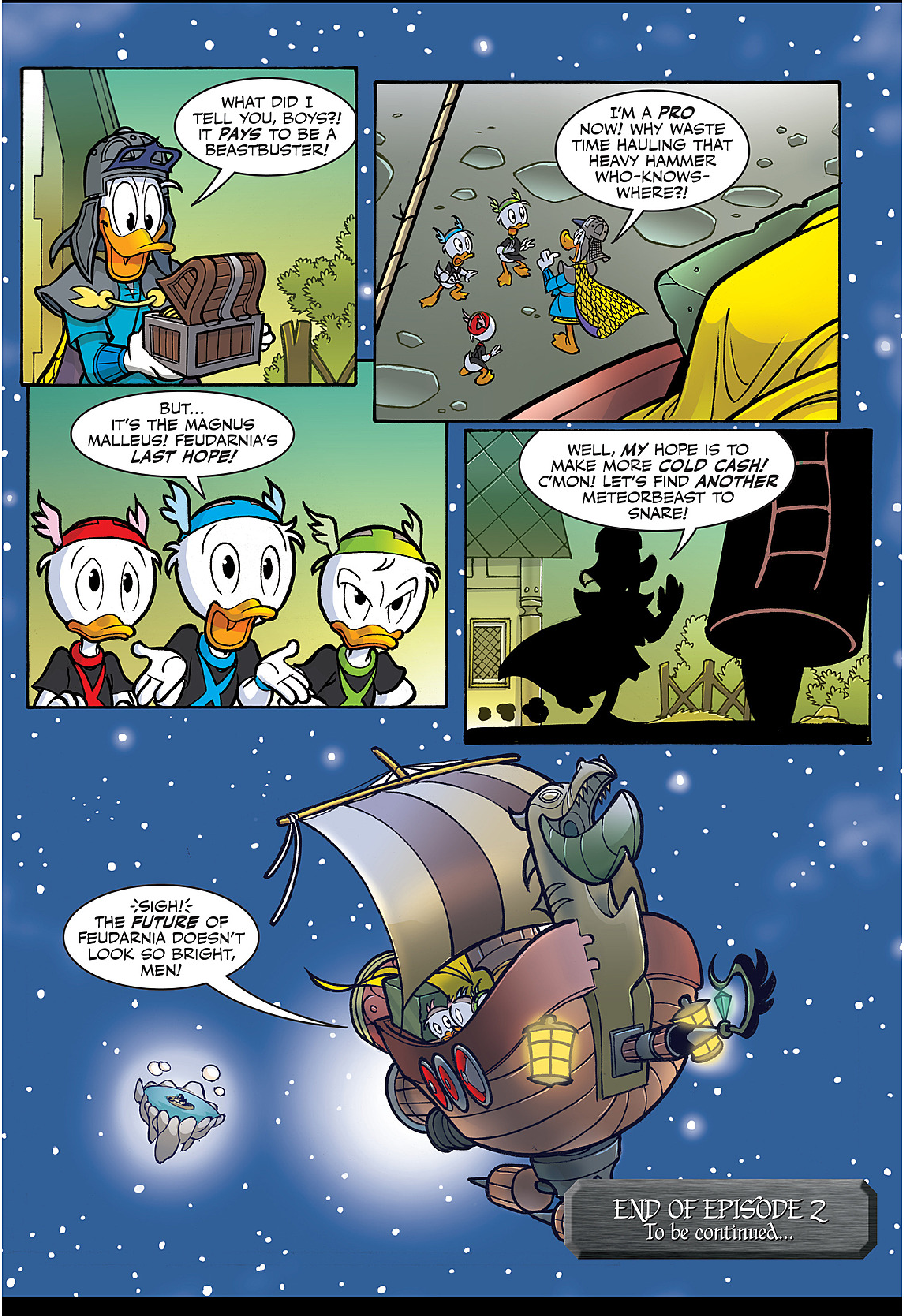

WHAT ARE THOSE CRAZY KIDS DOING WITH OUR BOATS?!
WHO CARES?! TH' VESSELS AIN'T GOIN' NOWHERE WITH THAT FERSHLUGGINER *SHARK-BEAST* AROUND!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE REPLACING THE BOATS' FIGUREHEADS! NOW I'M *REALLY* FLUMMOXED!
AS LONG AS NO NEW *TAXES* ARE INVOLVED, LET 'EM GO NUTS!
THINGS TO DO
1. Position ships in a circle around the island
2. Replace dragon figureheads with dolphin figureheads
3. Convince Unca Donald to try again!


THIS IS *IT!* SIGNAL UNCA DONALD THAT THE METEORBEAST IS RETURNING!
I HEAR YOU, BOYS!
-GULP!- SURE HOPE THIS SCHEME WORKS! OTHERWISE MY BUDDING BEASTBUSTER CAREER GOES UP IN SMOKE!
GROAR
?!
GRRR
?!


YIP! YIP! YIP!
PLOP!
SPLASH!
PLOP!
SPLASH!
INCREDIBLE! THAT MONSTER HIGHTAILED IT OUT OF HERE LIKE A SCARED PUPPY! HOW'D YOU DO IT?!
SIMPLE! SHARKS ARE *AFRAID* OF *DOLPHINS*... EVEN WOODEN ONES!
SCRIB SCRIB
GREAT TIP! I'LL UPDATE THE ALMOST-KINDA-SORTA-ACCURATE ANIMAL ENCYCLOPEDIA!
AS LONG AS THE SHIPS WITH DOLPHIN FIGUREHEADS FORM A RING AROUND THIS PORT, NO SHARK METEORBEAST WILL *DARE* SHOW ITS FACE!
WE'RE BACK IN BUSINESS! I'LL SPREAD THE WORD!


HOTCHA! I CAN'T *WAIT* TO CASH IN ON MY FIRST BOUNTY!
NOT SO FAST, "HERO"! THE BANK IS *CLOSED!*
SCREEEK
HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!
THE BOUNTY GOES TO WHOEVER *CAPTURES* A METEOR-BEAST! NOT WHOEVER *CHASES* ONE AWAY!
POOR UNCA DONALD! IF IT WASN'T FOR BAD LUCK, HE WOULDN'T HAVE ANY LUCK AT ALL!
-GROAN!- WHAT A RIP-OFF! LET'S *AMSCRAY* FROM THIS OVERTAXED AND UTTERLY UNFAIR FLYSPECK!


HOLD ON A MINUTE, BRAVE DUCK!
?!
THIS IS FOR YOU! YOU'VE EARNED IT!
HUH?! HARD CASH?!
YEP! THE GREEDBURGH MERCHANTS GRATEFULLY BESTOW THIS *REWARD* IN EXCHANGE FOR SOLVING OUR TRANSPORT PROBLEM!
REALLY?
AND THAT CIRCLE OF SHIPS WILL *ALSO* SERVE AS A *RING ROAD!* WE WON'T HAVE TO SET FOOT INSIDE TOWN! NO MORE OUTRAGEOUS TAXES!
GRRRR!


WHAT DID I TELL YOU, BOYS?! IT *PAYS* TO BE A BEASTBUSTER!
I'M A *PRO* NOW! WHY WASTE TIME HAULING THAT HEAVY HAMMER WHO-KNOWS-WHERE?!
BUT... IT'S THE MAGNUS MALLEUS! FEUDARNIA'S *LAST HOPE!*
WELL, *MY* HOPE IS TO MAKE MORE *COLD CASH!* C'MON! LET'S FIND *ANOTHER* METEORBEAST TO SNARE!
SIGH! THE *FUTURE* OF FEUDARNIA DOESN'T LOOK SO BRIGHT, MEN!
END OF EPISODE 2
To be continued...

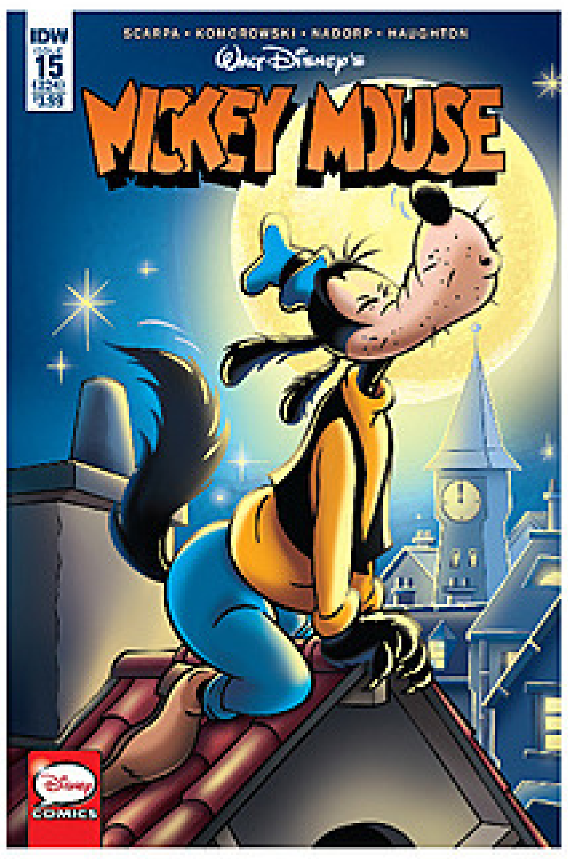
CROSSTALK

An Irregular Duckburg/Mouseton Update

Merry Christmas, good Chanukah—happy holidays, one and all! **It's that time of year again,** when special celebrations bring our whole families together: the pickpockets, the loudmouths, the most-wanted crooks....

Great squeak! It doesn't sound like we're talking about any normal family here—and we're not!

For this December we're rounding **Pegleg Pete's family up...** and several more frantic families who define dysfunction down! Want to share a ho-ho-horrible holiday dinner? No? Too bad—it's here!


SCARPA • KOMOROWSKI • NADORP • HAUGHTON
IDW 15
Walt Disney's
MICKEY MOUSE
Disney COMICS

And the action starts in Romano Scarpa's "The Weregoof's Curse," hitting comic shop shelves in *Mickey Mouse* #15! Mickey is already minding **Ellsworth's bratty son Ellroy** when another rotten relative makes the scene: **Pete's diabolical inventor cousin Portis!** He's smart, he's sly, he's sinister and sarcastic... and he's got a sneaky scheme to transform cats into crazier critters—and Goofy into a werewolf! Teaming up with him in this no-good plan is Pete himself, of course... *and* Pete's gruesome gal-pal Trudy Van Tubb, because while two's company, three's a mob—and Pete's going to need one!

We think you'll love to hate Portis just as much as Pete and Trudy do... and vice versa! Because the family that stinks together sinks together...

IDW 2
Disney
DONALD QUEST
Disney COMICS

Hey! Portis is **also sinking into *Donald Quest* #2!** As our super steampunk miniseries continues this month, "The Shark's Maw" features our felon family member as top lieutenant to Meteormaster Blot! Yes—it's Portis who commands the **Shark Meteorbeast** that's blocking Ironburgh's port. And Donald Duck—en route to Gyro on a mission of mercy—must rout this big fish before his quest goes on! Does doubting Don have what it takes? (Does he ever?)

And does **Scrooge McDuck** have what it takes? Well, *that's* another question entirely. In *Uncle Scrooge* #21, "The Substitute Santa of Strathbungo" returns us to Scrooge's Scottish youth, where young McDuck faced a **different kind** of family holiday. Not his own... but that of the orphan "family" at Strathbungo House Orphanage—where loutish landlord MacMiser makes poor kids work long hours in a stinky sweatshop. Valiant orphanage boss Mr. Jolly puts up a brave fight against the bad guy... or does he? In this thrilling tale by Scandinavian rising stars Knut Nærum, Tormod Løkling and Arild Midthun, Scrooge may have to save Christmas for this foster family—himself!

NÆRUM • LØKLING • MIDTHUN • TALIAFERRO • KINNEY
IDW 21
Walt Disney's
UNCLE SCROOGE
Disney COMICS

It's all in the family, too, for Donald's **Avenger alter ego.** In *Duck Avenger* #2, a far more ferocious family is at hand... the savage **Evronian** clan of outer space, back to decimate Duckburg after an earlier defeat! But as befits these egotistical aliens, their feud with *another* family may undo them. **Xadhoom,** bold survivor of an earlier Evron attack on planet Xerba, is out to avenge the destruction—and Donald can only watch a big battle grow bigger!

IDW 2
Disney
SISTI • SISTO • INTINI • GRAY
DUCK AVENGER
Disney COMICS

Speaking of "bigger"**... are we finishing December with a 64-page *Mickey and Donald Christmas Parade*** once again? You bet we are! And for issue #2, the Mickey and Donald families team up—under fan favorite writer **Byron Erickson** and artist **Massimo Fecchi**—for "'Tis No Season," an epic-length time-travel Christmas tale pitting Mice, Ducks, and Gyro against the menace of the **Phantom Blot!** Why do citizens of Mouseton and Duckburg suddenly think Santa is a super-criminal? How is the Blot involved... and how can he be stopped?

Walt Disney's
MICKEY AND DONALD
Christmas Parade
IDW
ERICKSON • FECCHI • VAN DER KROFT
QUATTROCOLO • HEYMANS
Disney COMICS

You might not like to share dinner with our frenetic Disney families this year... but keep your eye on them! They're serving up a yummy Yuletide in **five tasty courses, either way.**

—David Gerstein,
Archival Editor